

BE ANTIBIOTICS AWARE

Duration of Therapy

MORE DOES NOT ALWAYS MEAN BETTER

Longer durations of treatment have been linked to:

- Increased rates of antibiotic resistance
- Increased frequency of side effects
- Increased risk of C. difficile infection
- Increased hospital costs

All **without** an increase in overall treatment efficacy

Treatment Duration Recommendations for Common Infections

Disease State	Old	New
Community Acquired Pneumonia	7-14 days	3-5 days
Ventilator Associated Pneumonia	14-21 days	7 days
Intra-abdominal Infections	7-14 days	4 days
Uncomplicated Cellulitis	7-10 days	5 days