

Clinical Reasoning Series 2014 From Theory to Bedside: Clinical Reasoning Series Health Care-Associated Infections

Health Care-Associated Pneumonia

- 1. Define health care—associated pneumonia (HCAP).
- 2. Assess patient-specific risk factors for the development of HCAP.
- 3. Critique primary literature to determine clinical applicability.
- 4. Given a patient case, devise a treatment plan.

Surgical Site Infections

- 1. Given a case, assess the patient's risk of developing SSIs.
- 2. Formulate recommendations for dosing of antibiotics based on pharmacokinetic variables.
- 3. Employ the Six Sigma approach to process improvement.

Gastrointestinal Infections

- 1. Identify microorganisms from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention 2013 threat list that cause gastrointestinal infection.
- 2. Develop a treatment plan for a patient with infectious diarrhea.
- 3. Formulate a strategy to determine which patients are at high risk of developing recurrent *Clostridium difficile* infection.

Antimicrobial Stewardship: Strategies to Optimize Efficacy and Minimize Cost

- 1. Identify actions described by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) to prevent antimicrobial resistance.
- 2. Choose an antimicrobial stewardship strategy for a given type of hospital or health system.
- 3. Analyze the cost-benefit of using new technology as an antimicrobial stewardship tool.
- 4. Plan a stewardship initiative based on antibiogram trends.