



Tools to Get Started

- **Practice Guidelines**
IDSA & Society for Healthcare Epidemiology of America publication
Dellit TH et al. *Clin Infect Dis*. 2007; 44:159-77.
Owens RC Jr. *Diagn Microbiol Infect Dis*. 2008; 61:110-28.
Pagani L. *Clin Infect Dis* 2009;48:626-32
 - **Knowledge** of Medicare reimbursement as it relates to antimicrobial stewardship
Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services
Surgical Care Improvement Project
 - **As of October 2008**, Medicare **no longer reimburses** for hospital-acquired conditions deemed “preventable”
 - Meet the other “**team members**” in your hospital
Learn what they do and how they do it
 - Explore existing **computer** software programs
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