What Would Florence Do?

Or how nursing care may impact Antibiotic Stewardship
Nurses are not prescribing antibiotics to use for patients.

Nurses are responsible for the safety of their patients.

How can we make a difference?
Nursing Responsibilities

• 5 Rights of Medication Administration
  • Right patient
  • Right medication
  • Right dose
  • Right route
  • Right time

• Add at least 3 more
  • Right reason
  • Right reaction
  • Right documentation
NEWS

Hospital bugs kill more than cars

St Vincent de Paul Society

Market Day

HUNTING THE NIGHTMARE BACTERIA
TUESDAY, Oct. 22

NATIONAL SUMMARY DATA

Estimated minimum number of illnesses and deaths caused by antibiotic resistance:

At least 2,049,442 illnesses,
23,000 deaths

*Bacteria and fungus included in this report

Estimated minimum number of illnesses and deaths due to "superbugs":

At least 250,000 illnesses,
14,000 deaths

WHERE DO INFECTIONS HAPPEN?

Antibiotic resistance is a global threat. Data show that most happens in the general population, however, most deaths related to antibiotic resistance happen in healthcare settings, such as hospitals and nursing homes.

SUPERBUGS blamed for Jo Brant deaths

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3,000 more patients have died needlessly in hospital

Death wish

How our hospitals are losing war on superbugs

Rules tighten on use of antibiotics on farms

Photo credit: Organic Lifestyle Magazine
“75K people die each year as a result of hospital infections”

Consumer Reports
September 2015
Nursing’s vocal leader

Pre-antibiotic era
Pre-germ theory
Crimea War soldiers dying
1850’s

Overcrowded, dark, dirty, lack of good food & supplies, overworked “aides”

Light, quiet, nutrition, clean bedding, ventilation, hand hygiene
Nightingale's Nursing Theory

Nurses can use their position of trust to educate patients.

Nurses can provide support to encourage the human body to heal.
What can you do?
Obstetrics

Shorten labors
Reduce vaginal exams
Hand hygiene
Cultural practices
What can you do? Post-partum

Breast feeding
Hygiene
Early ambulation
Nutrition
What can you do?
Neonatal

Skin Care
Non-invasive therapies
CLABSI bundle
Dear Senators Collins and Feinstein:
On behalf of the Trust for America’s Health (TFAH), I am writing to thank you for introducing the Preventing Antibiotic Resistance Act of 2015...
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