

SHORTER IS SAFER – AVOIDING PROLONGED DURATIONS OF ANTIBIOTIC THERAPY

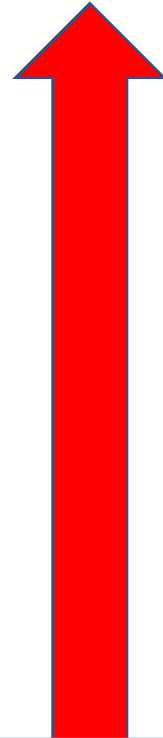
Key Points

Antibiotics should be prescribed as recommended in NICE guidance

Prescribing the NICE recommended dose and course length is safe and effective

Evidence supports 5-day course length treatment for most common infections in primary care

Avoiding prolonged durations of antibiotic therapy means fewer side effects and reduces the risk of antibiotic resistance



**PROLONGED
DURATIONS OF
ANTIBIOTIC
THERAPY**

**Antimicrobial
resistance (AMR)**

***C. difficile* infection**

**Medication side
effects**

Non-compliance

Health care costs

**RECOMMENDED
SHORTEST
EFFECTIVE
DURATION**

