

Supplemental Table 1: Explanation of the calculations used to parameterize the model

	Event	Estimates (%)	Explanation of Calculation
A	Patients given an empiric dose for suspected infection	33.0	$=70/(2549/12)$ Number of first doses was divided by annualized patient-months from reference 7
B	Appropriate empiric dose	57.1	NA
	Inappropriate empiric dose not given due to antimicrobial stewardship program	8.6	$=0.429*0.2$ Probability of 'inappropriate first dose' from reference 7 was multiplied by antimicrobial stewardship program effectiveness
Appropriate empiric treatment			
C	Microbiology tests confirm suspected infection	100.0	NA
E	Continuous treatment de-escalated without antimicrobial stewardship program	73.2	$=1-0.268$ Complement of the probability of 'more narrow spectrum antimicrobial not chosen' from reference 7
	Continuous treatment de-escalated with antimicrobial stewardship program	78.6	$=1-(0.268*0.8)$ Probability of 'more narrow spectrum antimicrobial not chosen' from reference 7 was reduced by antimicrobial stewardship program effectiveness and then subtracted from 100%
Inappropriate empiric treatment			
D	Microbiology tests confirm suspected infection	10.0	NA
F	Continuous treatment appropriately stopped without antimicrobial stewardship program	50.0	NA
	Continuous treatment appropriately stopped with antimicrobial stewardship program	60.0	$=1-((1-0.5)*0.8)$ Complement of the probability of 'continuous treatment appropriately stopped without antimicrobial stewardship program' was reduced by antimicrobial stewardship program effectiveness and then subtracted from 100%

	Colonization, Infection and Mortality		
G/H	<i>de novo</i> multidrug-resistant organisms colonization (without antimicrobial exposure)	37.3	$=1-\text{EXP}(-(-\text{LN}(1-0.208)/6*12))$ Probability of 'acquiring MDRGN without antibiotic exposure ≥ 7 d' from reference 3 was converted to an annual rate and then converted back to a probability
	<i>de novo</i> multidrug-resistant organisms colonization (with antimicrobial exposure)	72.9	$=1-\text{EXP}(-(-\text{LN}(1-0.373))*2.8)$ Probability of ' <i>de novo</i> multidrug-resistant organism colonization (without antimicrobial exposure)' was converted to a rate, multiplied by RR (based on OR of acquiring colonization due to antibiotics exposure vs. no exposure from reference 3), and converted back to a probability
I/J/K	VRE infection after prior colonization	16.0	$=1-\text{EXP}(-(-\text{LN}(1-0.00964))*18.035)$ Probability of VRE infection if uncolonized from reference 2 was converted to a rate, multiplied by RR (based on OR of acquiring VRE due to colonization vs. no colonization from reference 2), and converted back to a probability
	MRSA infection after prior colonization	19.0	NA
	MDRGN infection after prior colonization	16.0	Minimum value of either VRE or MRSA infection probabilities
L/M/N	VRE-associated mortality	35.0	$=1-\text{EXP}(-(-\text{LN}(1-0.2))*1.9325)$ Probability of mortality with vancomycin-susceptible enterococci from reference 5 was converted to a rate, multiplied by RR (based on OR of mortality due to VRE versus vancomycin-susceptible enterococci from reference 5), and converted back to a probability
	MRSA-associated mortality	30.0	NA
	MDRGN-associated mortality	30.0	Minimum value of either VRE or MRSA mortality probabilities

O/P	<i>C.difficile</i> infection (without antimicrobial exposure)	0	NA
	<i>C.difficile</i> infection (with antimicrobial exposure)	8.0	=1-EXP(-(8.3/100)*1) Annual rate of <i>Clostridium difficile</i> infection cases in hemodialysis outpatients from reference 6 was converted to a probability
Q	<i>C.difficile</i> infection - associated mortality	18.9	=1-EXP(-(21/100)*1) Annual rate of deaths for infected patients from reference 6 was converted to a probability
R	Dialysis-associated mortality not related to infections	10.4	=1-EXP(-(11/100)*1) Annual rate of deaths for uninfected patients from reference 6 was converted to a probability
Mean hospitalization costs of non-fatal and fatal infections			
	<i>C.difficile</i> infection	\$31,838.37	Inflation-adjusted costs from references 17 and 18 were averaged
	VRE	\$46,573.74	Inflation-adjusted costs from references 12 and 19 were averaged
	MRSA	\$48,458.63	Inflation-adjusted costs from references 20 and 21 were averaged
	MDRGN	\$45,956.33	NA
Abbreviations: MDRGN, multidrug-resistant gram-negative bacteria; MRSA, methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> ; NA, not applicable; OR, odds ratio; RR, relative risk; VRE, vancomycin-resistant enterococci.			

Supplemental Table 2: Distributions used for parameters varied in the probabilistic sensitivity analysis

Parameter/Variable*	Default value	Variance	Distribution
Probabilities			
Effectiveness	0.2	0.02	Beta
Patients given an empiric dose for suspected infection	0.33	0.033	Beta
Appropriate empiric dose	0.571	0.057	Beta
Continuous treatment de-escalated after appropriate empiric treatment (without antimicrobial stewardship program)	0.732	0.073	Beta
Microbiology tests confirm suspected infection after inappropriate empiric treatment	0.1	0.01	Beta
Continuous treatment de-escalated after inappropriate empiric treatment (without antimicrobial stewardship program)	0.5	0.05	Beta
<i>de novo</i> multidrug-resistant organisms colonization (without antimicrobial exposure)	0.373	0.037	Beta
VRE infection after prior colonization	0.16	0.016	Beta
MRSA infection after prior colonization	0.19	0.019	Beta
VRE-associated mortality	0.35	0.035	Beta
MRSA-associated mortality	0.3	0.03	Beta
<i>C.difficile</i> infection (with antimicrobial exposure)	0.0796	0.008	Beta
<i>C.difficile</i> infection -associated mortality	0.189	0.019	Beta
Dialysis-associated mortality not related to infections	0.104	0.010	Beta
Costs			
<i>C.difficile</i> infection	\$31,838.37	\$11,201.09	Gamma
VRE	\$46,573.74	\$5,091.90	Gamma
MRSA	\$48,458.63	\$12,868.28	Gamma
MDRGN	\$45,956.33	\$4,595.63	Gamma
Unit (mg) cost of cefazolin	\$0.0027	\$0.0004	Gamma
Unit (mg) cost of cefepime	\$0.016	\$0.0013	Gamma
Unit (mg) cost of daptomycin	\$1.0487	\$0.0204	Gamma
Unit (mg) cost of meropenem	\$0.03778	\$0.0042	Gamma
Unit (mg) cost of gentamycin	\$0.02594	\$0.0051	Gamma
Unit (mg) cost of vancomycin	\$0.1012	\$0.01686	Gamma
*Parameters that cannot be independently varied or were not associated with uncertainty (eg, drug dose) were not included in the probabilistic sensitivity analysis. Abbreviations: MDRGN, multidrug-resistant gram-negative bacteria; MRSA, methicillin-resistant <i>Staphylococcus aureus</i> ; NA, not applicable; VRE, vancomycin-resistant enterococci.			