

# GET SMART about Antibiotics Week

## INFECTION PREVENTION

### 5 Tips in 5 Minutes for Infection Control and Antimicrobial Stewardship

#### Talking Points for Short Presentations

1. Verify and encourage vaccinations at all visits for patients—make sure “up to date” is really up to date.
2. Employee flu vaccinations—while voluntary vaccination is good, mandatory is best.
3. Minimize provider-related fomite transmission—stethoscopes, cell phones, and papers. Be careful about what you bring into rooms.
4. Get the device out when you can.
5. Pitfalls in hand hygiene and isolation:
  - a. When not to use hand gel
  - b. Make sure to use hand hygiene before and after patient contact
  - c. Reconsider isolation classification as patient status evolves.

**REMEMBER:** Preventing infections leads to less consideration for antibiotic use!