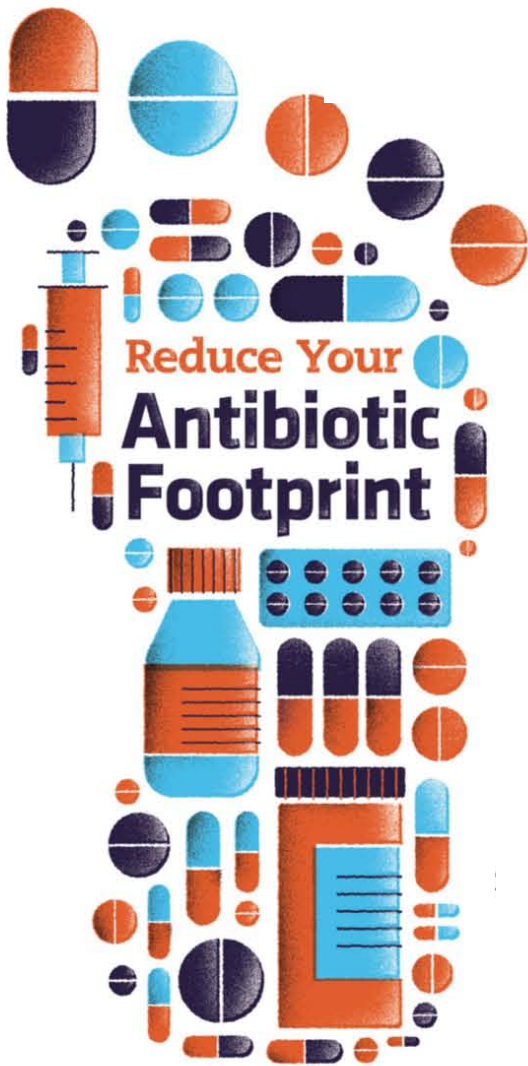


IS THAT ANTIBIOTIC NECESSARY?

ALWAYS ASK THE 6 DS OF ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP



- **D**agnosis: Is antibiotic therapy truly indicated?
- **D**rug, **D**ose, **D**elivery: Is it the right antibiotic, at the right dose? Can the patient take oral medication?
- **D**e-escalation: Can antibiotic therapy be switched to a narrower spectrum agent?
- **D**uration: Can the antibiotic be stopped? If not, can a reassessment or stop date be specified?

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