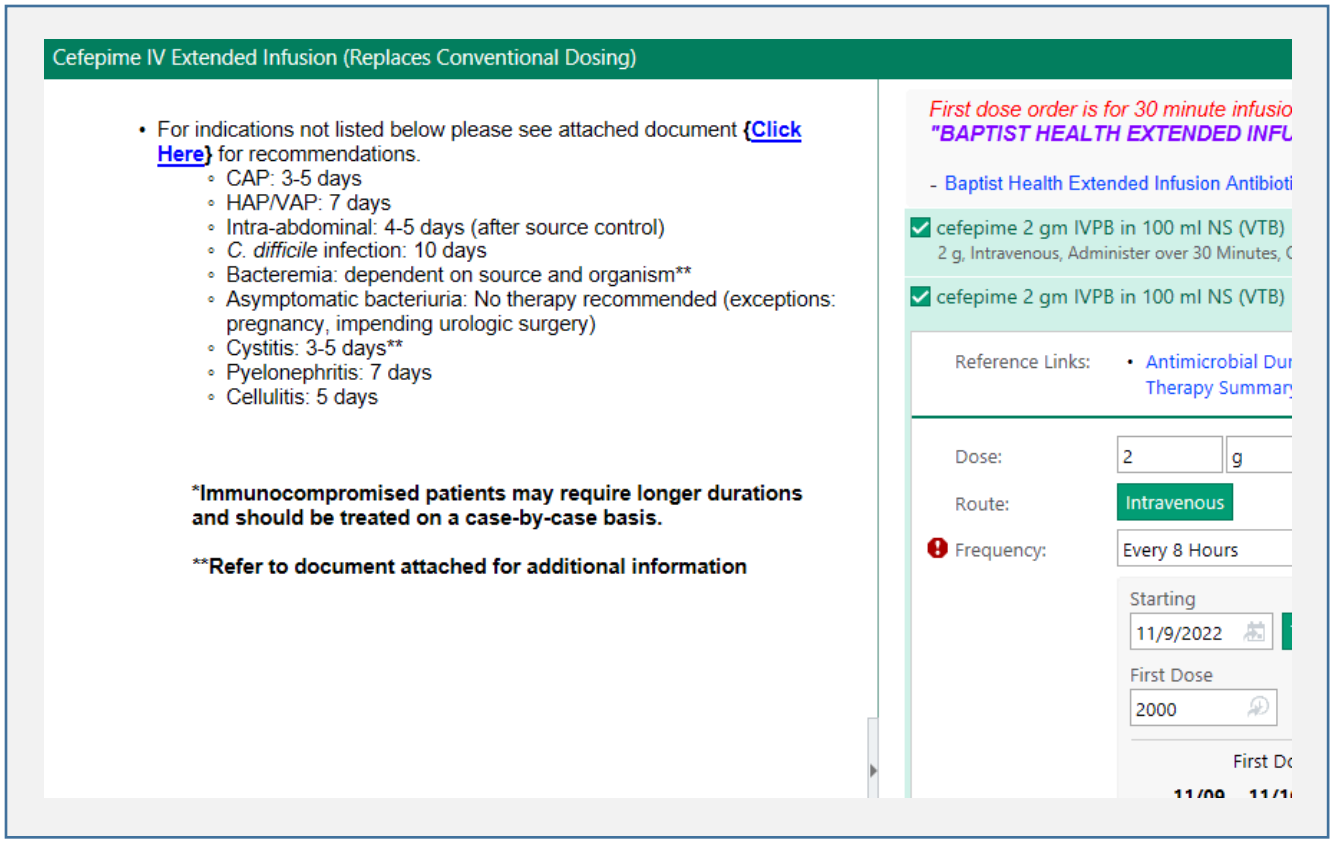
Baptist Health
Antimicrobial Stewardship Program

How long do *YOU* treat?

Limiting duration of therapy for bacterial infections can help avoid unwanted collateral damage caused by antimicrobials. Historically, most infections were treated in standard Constantine units (i.e. 7 days, 14 days) out of convenience. What we know now though, is many of these infections which were previously treated for prolonged durations (>7 days) can be treated for shorter durations without sacrificing patient outcomes, whilst also minimizing the likelihood of adverse effects. [1]

Baptist Health System realizes the importance of preventing harm from over treatment with antimicrobials. In an effort to aid providers in their decision making, our Antimicrobial Stewardship Program created an evidence-based durations of therapy guidance document which can be accessed using the link depicted below when ordering antimicrobial agents.



[1]. Noah Wald-Dickler, Brad Spellberg, Short-course Antibiotic Therapy—Replacing Constantine Units With "Shorter Is Better", Clinical Infectious Diseases, Volume 69, Issue 9, 1 November 2019, Pages 1476–1479.