STRATEGIES TO IMPROVE ANTIBIOTIC USE IN PRIMARY CARE:
AUDIT & FEEDBACK

ANTIMICROBIAL STEWARDSHIP STRATEGY DESCRIPTION
To help optimize antibiotic use, you are provided with:

- Feedback on your prescribing patterns relative to that of peers
- Guidelines or other targets along with ideas on how to potentially improve. (Also referred to as “peer comparison”).

RESOURCES & HOW TO INCORPORATE INTO PRACTICE
As a family physician in Ontario, you may be eligible to register to receive MyPractice Primary Care reports which now include antibiotic prescribing indicators.

This customized report includes data on your:
- rates of antibiotic initiation,
- proportion of antibiotic prescriptions for longer than 7 days and
- change ideas on how to improve.¹

- See Metrics for evaluating antibiotic use and prescribing in outpatient settings for an overview of metrics and how to interpret them.²

IMPACT ON ANTIMICROBIAL USE
Randomized controlled trials of audit and feedback interventions in primary care have demonstrated significant reduction in antibiotic use.³⁻⁶

4 to 16% Decrease in antibiotic use

References