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Urgent Newsflash: Ciprofloxacin

- ✚ Please be aware that in our local guidelines the only first-line indication for Ciprofloxacin is acute prostatitis.
- ✚ Ciprofloxacin should never be prescribed in primary care without prior microbiological advice for common infections such as urinary tract infections, respiratory tract infections and travellers' diarrhoea.
 - ✚ Ciprofloxacin, as well as Co-Amoxiclav and the Cephalosporins (The "three Cs") are the antibiotics most likely to be implicated in the development of *C Difficile*.
- ✚ There were fifteen cases of *C Diff* in the Bailiwick last year, all as a result of broad spectrum antibiotics.
- ✚ At the request of the visiting Microbiologists, HSSD are likely to request an audit in Primary Care of Ciprofloxacin prescribing in 2014.
- ✚ Attached is a snapshot of Guernsey Primary Care prescribing in the year to September 2013.
 - ✚ Prescribers are earnestly requested to seek microbiological advice on 725241 for patients being considered for ciprofloxacin prescribing in the coming weeks and months.
- ✚ Your co-operation with this matter will, as always, be very much appreciated.

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