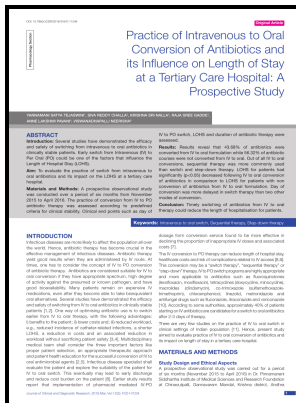


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However, all benefits related to a shorter IV therapy treatment time, which would allow for earlier hospital discharge for some patients, and reduced drug and drug administration costs were unclear. Once-daily treatment options, such as fluoroquinolones, are convenient for select patients and are likely to lead to improved adherence and better outcomes. Eligibility criteria for oral step-down therapy included meeting all of the following: source control ie, removal of infected hardware, drainage of infected fluid collections, or resolution of obstruction for biliary or urinary sources achieved within the first 5 days; availability of an in vitro active oral antibiotic agent; receipt of other enteral medications or food by day 5; and a Pitt bacteremia score of 1 or lower by day 5.

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Therapeutic outcome in invasive aspergillosis. The most common etiologic cause is infection with *Escherichia coli*.

Antifungal Therapy for Invasive Aspergillosis

Although it was not stated, some relevant costs could have been omitted from the analysis since the only costs considered were those of drugs, drug administration and hospitalisation. This conversion has many advantages as fewer complications, less healthcare costs and earlier hospital discharge. Its absorption is increased with food.

Intravenous

Based on the study findings, a significant proportion of patients can be considered for switch. Biswal S, Mishra P, Malhotra S, Puri GD, Pandhi P. Although all 3 institutions had existing antibiotic stewardship programs, none of the institutions had stewardship initiatives to routinely encourage transition from IV to oral therapy for bacteremia.

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