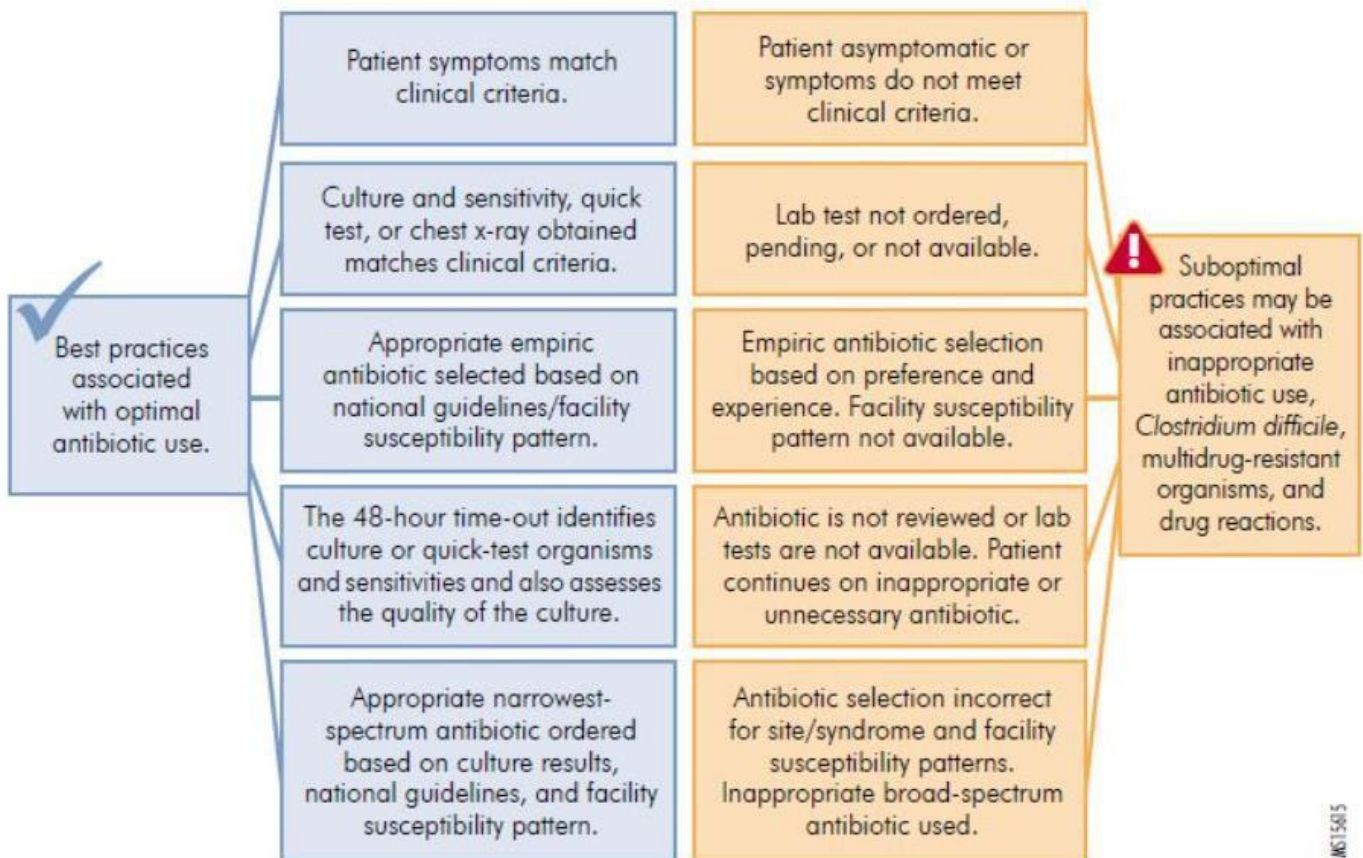


## PENNSYLVANIA PATIENT SAFETY ADVISORY

### Strategies to Turn the Tide against Inappropriate Antibiotic Utilization

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Figure 5. Antibiotic Use Best Practices and Suboptimal Practices



**Matches clinical criteria:** Symptoms/labs consistent with the Pennsylvania Patient Safety Reporting System and National Healthcare Safety Network clinical criteria for infections.

**Appropriate:** Right drug, route, dose, and duration; necessity based on national site-specific guidelines; and compatible with facility susceptibility pattern (antibiogram).

**Quality of specimens:** Poor-quality specimens include mixed organisms, contaminated specimens, low colony count, or incorrect specimen type or retrieval.

**Narrow spectrum:** The narrowest-spectrum antibiotic is selected to achieve the adequate level of therapy.