



# From old to new: using an Applied Learning Healthcare Systems approach to redesign a clinical decision support programme for antimicrobial stewardship.

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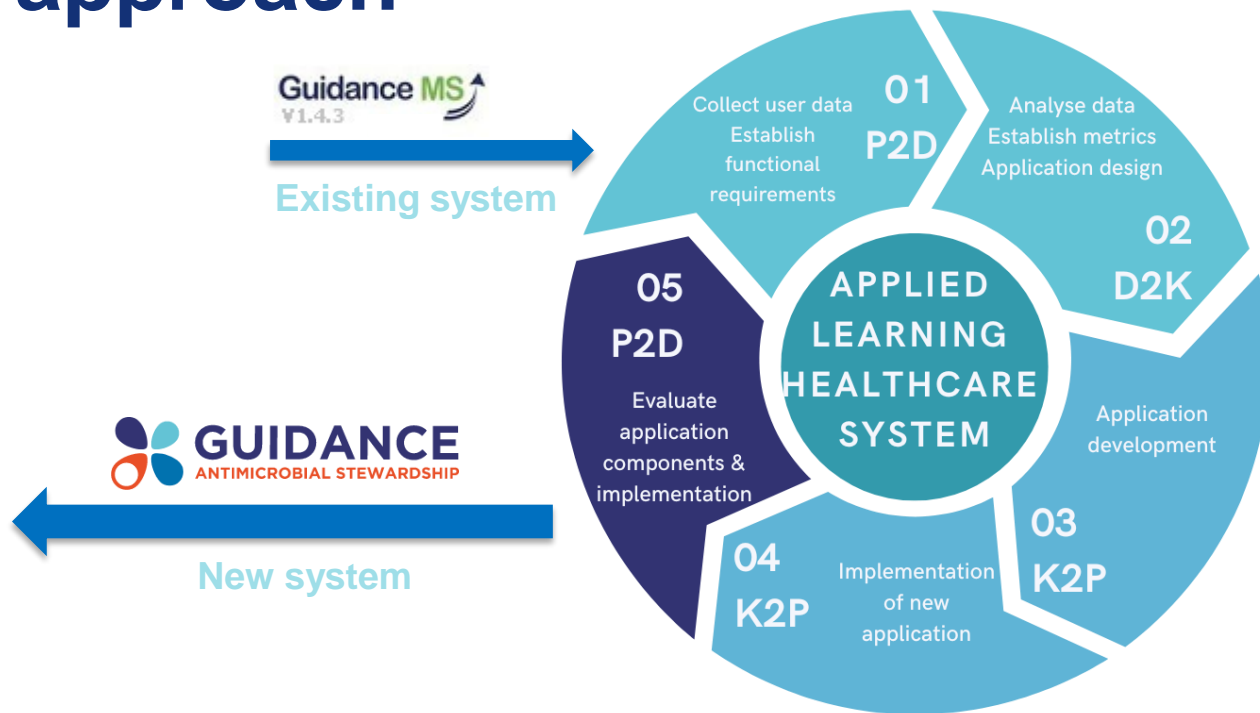
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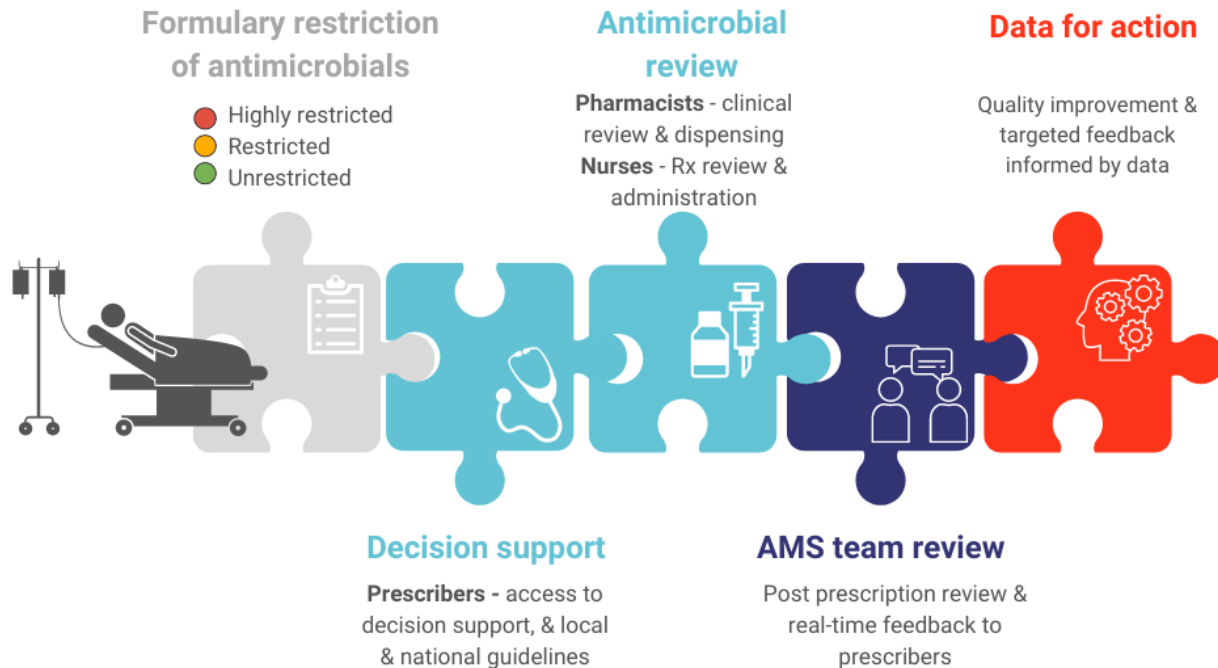
# Background



# Applied Learning Healthcare System – our approach



# What is the Guidance<sup>®</sup> program?



# Practice to Data (P2D)

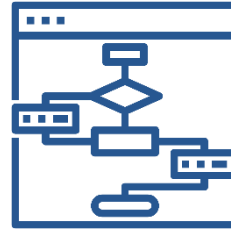


# Goals

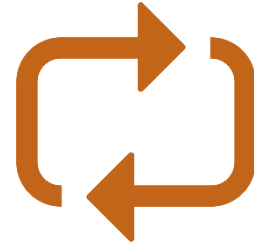


To implement a system that meets:

1. Evolving digital needs in AMS in hospitals
2. AMS accreditation standards
3. Expansion of AMS services



Improvement in  
workflows for key  
user groups



Improve ability to  
use data for target  
action

# Guidance<sup>®</sup> re-design



Redesigned and developed based on years of experience and user feedback on existing Guidance MS system



Expert-developed decision support content to facilitate indications-based approvals and prescriber education.

User-friendly program for editing and content management



Adherence to hospital policies around use of antimicrobials

Clear Antimicrobial restrictions and in-built assessments help nudge towards optimal prescribing.



Quality & significant time savings for reporting. Real-time reports enable more regular feedback to stakeholders.

Ability to target quality initiatives leads to greater improvement in outcomes



Able to interact with other systems to improve user workflow & data exchange.

**Pilot program rolled-out at the Royal Melbourne Hospital September 2022**

# Requirements

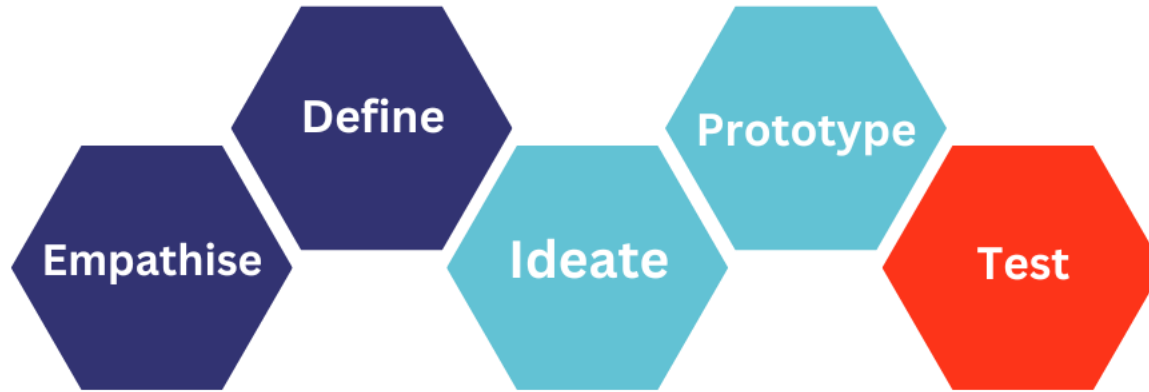
- User requirements
- Functional requirements
- Regulatory requirements – Software as a Medical Device
- Quality Management System – ISO 9001 and other Standards
- Risk Assessments



# Data to Knowledge (D2K) - Design



# Design Thinking



- Use of design thinking principles to design application with wire frames, user profiles, user stories, and workflows.

# Development

- Use of Agile methodology to develop components of the application.
- Each sprint comprised of:
  - Requirement specifications and UI designs
  - Functionality development
  - Design verification and validation

# Knowledge to Practice (K2P) - Implementation



# Implementation

Implementation  
approved



Set up project  
team and plan



Software  
installation and  
configuration



Content  
development



Communication  
and education  
plan

Plan for go-  
live day



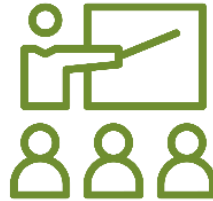
Develop  
support model

# Post - implementation



## **Monitor for unexpected behaviour**

- Daily contact with prescribers
- Ad-hoc feedback on the program



## **Ongoing education and training**

- Resources readily available
- Plan for training of new staff



## **Design an evaluation plan**

- Choose an evaluation framework
- Design evaluation plan

# Practice to Data (P2D) - Design evaluation plan



# Evaluation plan



**Socio-  
technical  
evaluation**

**Clinical  
evaluation**

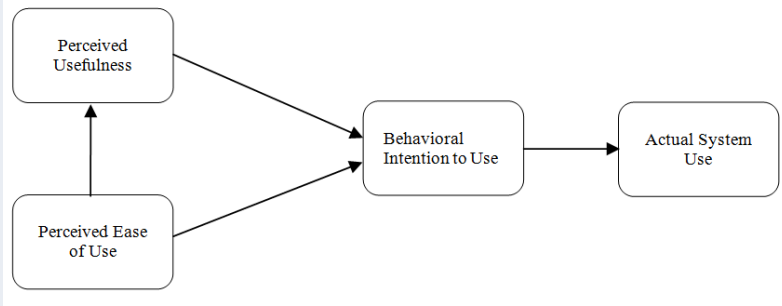
**Economic  
evaluation**



# Socio-technical evaluation

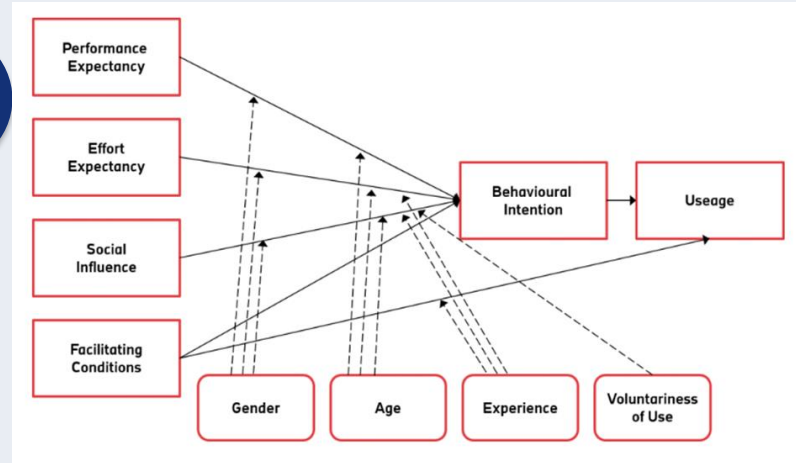
## Framework

### Technology Acceptance Model (TAM)



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### Unified Theory of Acceptance and Use of Technology (UTAUT)



# Socio-technical evaluation

## Study design

### Performance Expectancy

The decision support questions help me select the most appropriate antimicrobial for my patient.



### Effort Expectancy

Guidance fits my prescribing workflow (please provide further comments below)



### Social influence

My registrar or consultant expects me to use Guidance to obtain approvals.



### Facilitating conditions

I have the technical resources necessary to use the system.




### Behavioural intention to use the system

I always use the system to obtain approvals for restricted antimicrobials.



# Clinical evaluation

29th **ECCMID** Amsterdam, Netherlands  
13 – 16 April 2019

The congress of  ESCMID

**P1936 Gram-negative resistance declines across 4 major Australian teaching hospitals 4 years after implementation of a networked computerised clinical decision support system for antimicrobial stewardship**

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*J Antimicrob Chemother* 2017; **72**: 2110–2118  
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**Journal of  
Antimicrobial  
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**Outcomes of multisite antimicrobial stewardship programme implementation with a shared clinical decision support system**

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## Aim

- Measure the impact of the Guidance clinical decision support system

## Primary outcomes

- Assess appropriateness of antimicrobial prescribing for indications previously identified with lower appropriateness of prescribing

## Method

- Repeated point-prevalence NAPS for selected indications

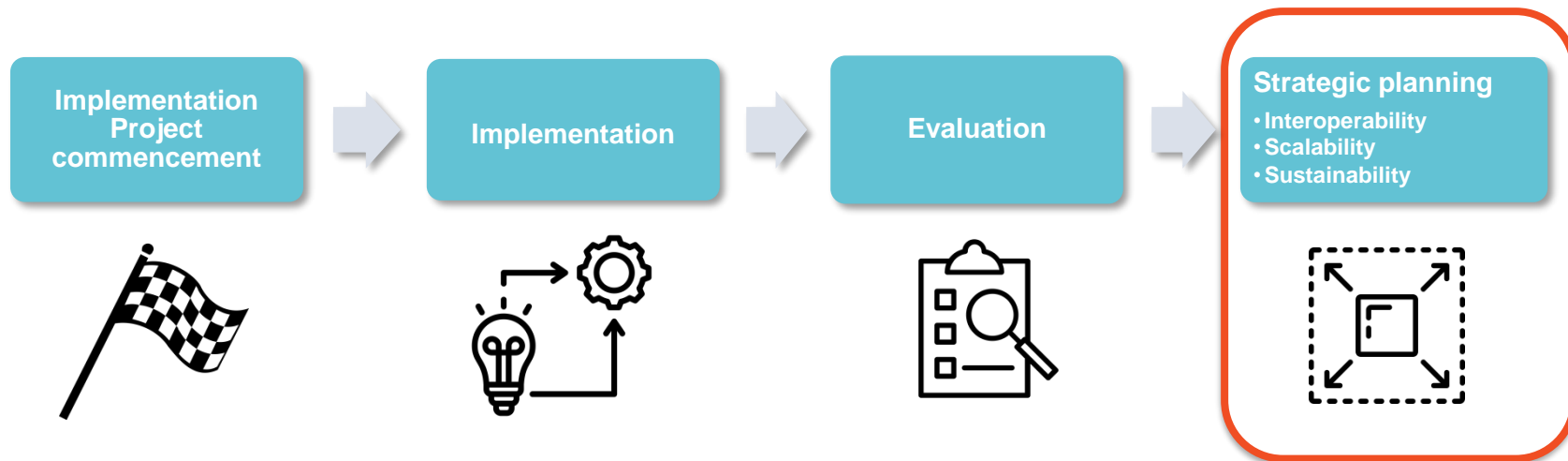
# Economic evaluation

- Compare patients with no approval or AMS review to those with an AMS review
- Patient level costing data including LOS and bed cost
- Guidance®
  - Provides quality post prescription review data
  - Systems-based approval to AMS

# Strategic planning



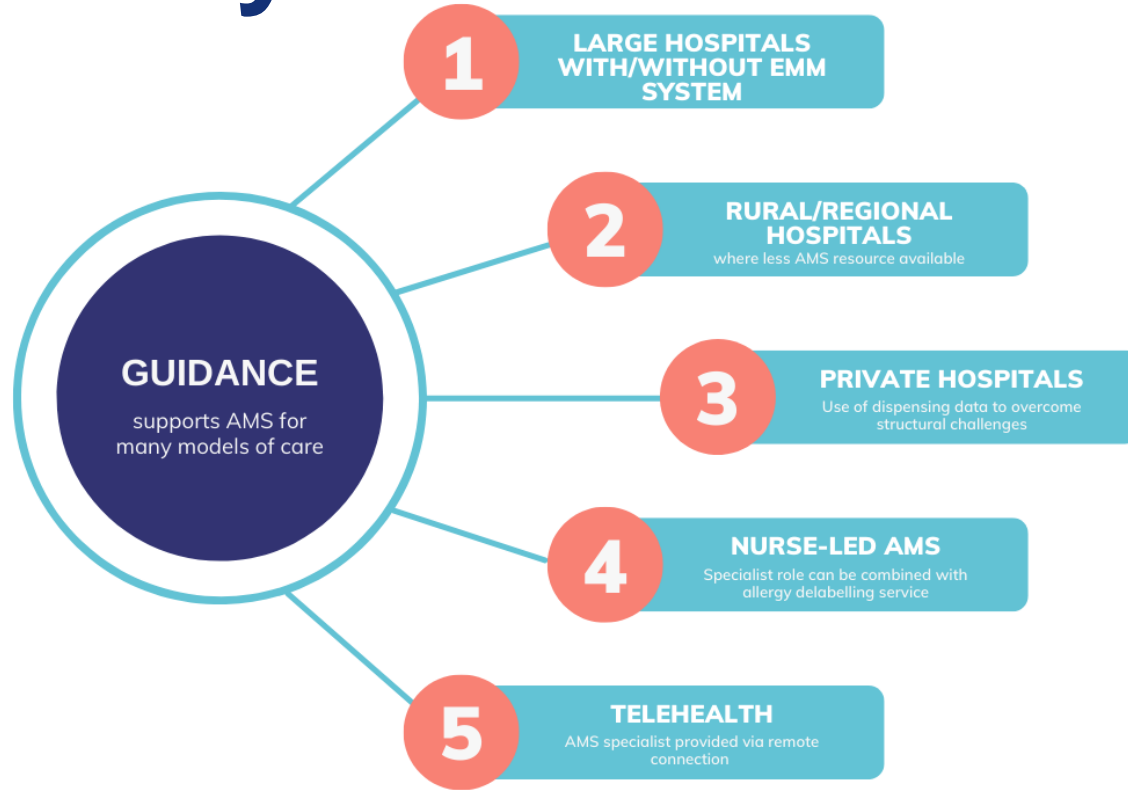
# Strategic planning



# Interoperability

- Integrate data systems
  - AD integration (user security)
  - iPM integration via HL7 (Patient Administration Management system)
- Integrate with EMM systems
- Enabled functionality for the Universal Indications List (UIL) to integrate with other systems

# Scalability



AMS Program models



# Sustainability

## Drivers of equity and innovation

Continuous quality improvement

AMS embedded into policies and daily practices

## Design for digital ecosystems

Flexible design for evolving needs

Data governance

## Elements for systems integration

Ongoing executive support

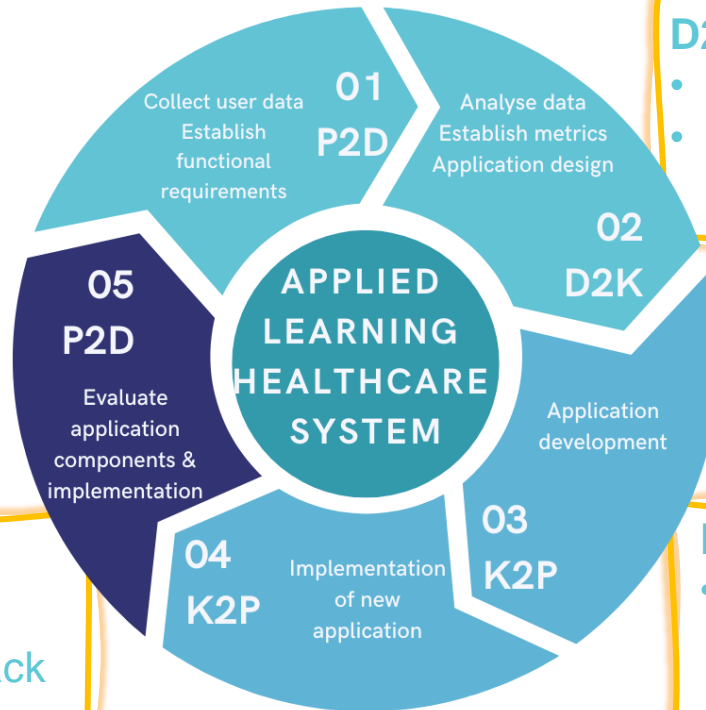
Dedicated resources for AMS

Champions

# Continuous assessment framework



# Continuous assessment



## D2K

- Data reviewed by project team
- Assess feasibility and prioritise requests

## P2D

- AMS and Guidance teams gather feedback and data on the program

## K2P

- Enhancement requests passed to development team
- New version released

# Questions



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