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De-adoption of routine skin test for cephalosporin prescribing in a tertiary hospital in China

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Although most hospitals perform cephalosporin skin test in China for various reasons. Studies suggest that cephalosporin skin tests are not effective in predicting immediate allergic reactions, leading to unnecessary skin testing procedures, resulting in unnecessary drug consumption. Second-line or high-grade antimicrobials will be selected after a positive cephalosporin skin test, and treatment of severe allergic reactions will be ignored. The National Health and Health Commission of China published Principle for Skin Testing of β -Lactam Antibacterial Drugs in 2021, in which pointed out that there is no need for skin test before cephalosporin use. We launched an AMS programme to cancel cephalosporin skin test in our hospital, in which we implemented several interventions, including education programmes for prescribers and nurses, order review-feedback, regular drug use surveillance in cephalosporin skin test, and updated the Regulation for Skin Testing of β -Lactam Antibacterial Drugs in our hospital. Our data show that the AMS programme has a significant impact on the de-adoption of routine skin test for cephalosporin prescribing, the cephalosporin skin test operations reduced and consumption structure of antibiotics was improved in our hospital.

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