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Subject: Uses of Meropenem

Q1 How many doses of each of the following strengths of Meropenem do you administer annually?
a. 500mg
b. 1 gram
c. 2 grams

A1 a-b:
The Trust does not routinely collate or hold this information centrally as part of its management or performance data. In order to confirm treatment following medication being dispensed, the Trust would be required to access personal data of the individuals and as such the data is exempt under Section 40: Personal data.

c: Information not held - we do not stock 2g

Q2 What are the main areas of your hospital where Meropenem is used?

A2 Critical care and CF

Q3 What are the main conditions you use Meropenem to treat?

A3 We used mostly for CF exacerbations/HAP

Q4 How do you currently administer Meropenem via bolus or infusion? If you infuse, do you use gravity or pump sets?

A4 IV infusion

Q5 Where is your Meropenem currently reconstituted (e.g., wards or aseptic units)?

A5 Wards

Q6 Do you face any challenges when administering Meropenem?

A6 Nurse time spent

Q7 Do you frequently experience drug shortages of Meropenem?

A7 No

Q8 How many medication errors do you experience per month when administering Meropenem?

A8 There have been 2 medication errors involving meropenem in the last 12 months

