

# High Rates of “Watch” and “Reserve” Class Antibiotics Used to Treat Infections in Neonates and Infants in Southeast Asia

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## Abstract

We evaluated antibiotic prescribing practices for neonates and infants hospitalized with infections in resource-constrained healthcare settings, where antimicrobial resistance is responsible for significant neonatal morbidity and mortality. A point prevalence survey of 667 admitted infants across 10 clinical sites in Southeast Asia revealed a total of 405 antibiotics were prescribed to 218 infants, with high use of World Health Organization-

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