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Antimicrobial utilisation rates provided in this report are calculated using the number of defined daily doses (DDDs) of the antimicrobial class consumed each month per 1,000 occupied bed days. Contributing hospitals can find their de-identifying code via the NAUSP Portal ‘Maintain My Hospital’ drop-down menu.

A change to the DDD for a number of high volume antimicrobials occurred in January 2019. This has been applied to all retrospective data. For more information refer to WHO WTC/DDD alterations 2019.

The chart below presents aggregated contributor data over the six-month period from 1 January 2019 to 30 June 2019.

Chart 1: Total hospital antibacterial usage rates (DDD/1000 OBD) in NAUSP contributor hospitals, Tasmania, Jan–Jun 2019

Other = amphenicols, monobactams, nitrofurans, other antibacterials (linezolid & daptomycin), other cephalosporins (ceftaroline, ceftazidime-avibactam & ceftolozane-tazobactam), polymyxins, rifamycins, second-generation cephalosporins, steroids, streptogramins and streptomycin.
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This report includes data from the following hospitals:

Hobart Private Hospital
Launceston General Hospital
Mersey Community Hospital
North West Regional Hospital
Royal Hobart Hospital

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