

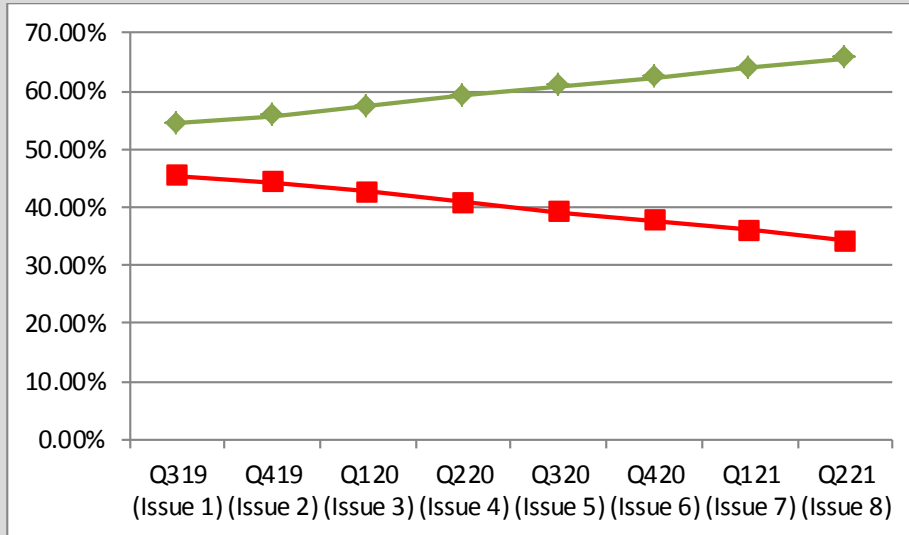


Messaging accompanying issue 9 of green/red reports

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Key message:

Thank you for your continued engagement with this antibiotic prescribing quality improvement initiative; the trend towards a greater use of safer, green agents is continually evident since commencement in September 2019. This graph shows the trend for GMS prescriptions for preferred antibiotics (green) vs. reserve antibiotics (red) from quarter 3 2019 to quarter 2 2021.



Thank you to those of you that requested the inclusion of a rate in the reports. The next, and future, reports will include a rate of GMS antibiotic prescriptions per 100 patients. It will be of the following format (example included):

	Your GMS Patient Cohort	The National GMS Patient Cohort
Total number of antibiotics prescribed for patients (number of items):	1252	1,832,310
Total GMS patients, average panel count (column 1 = your patient panel, column 2 = national panel):	984	2,143,974
Rate expressed as number of antibiotic prescriptions per 100 GMS patients per rolling 12 months	127	85
Percentage difference of your rate to the national rate	49% above the national average rate	

The 'rate' is reflective of the proportion of your registered GMS patients for which antibiotics are prescribed, this should add more context to this report. The ideal is a relatively low prescribing rate with a high proportion of green agents. Acknowledging that the prescribing practice is influenced by patient profile.

The national rate and your rate will also be presented for the following four age groups: 0-6 years, 7-16 years, 17-64 years, 65 years and older.