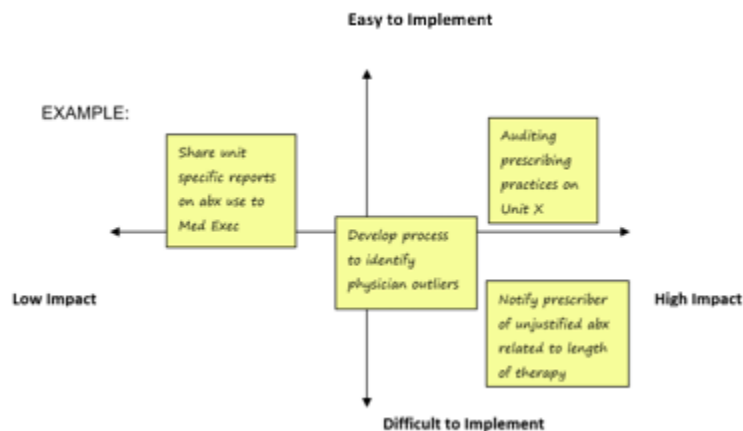


## Planning an Intervention Job Aid | Antimicrobial Stewardship

1. **Print your AMS data** from QBS or the Patient Safety Comparison Report. Contact [Meg Kilcup](#) if you do not have access to your AMS data or are not yet submitting it to WSHA or NHSN.
2. **Gather a team** dedicated to improve antibiotic utilization. The more multi-disciplinary your team is, the more effective for planning, buy-in, implementation and sustainability.
3. **Identify areas with the most opportunity** for improvement.
4. **Review and discuss any available root cause analysis** of reasons for high days of therapy.
5. **Review the [AMS Tier Roadmap](#) and/or the [CDC Core Elements](#)** to identify potential areas of opportunity for process improvement and TJC meeting regulatory requirements.
6. **Team brainstorm session of possible solutions or interventions** for the assigned category using the Intervention Planning Template available. **Brainstorming Instructions:**
  - For each identified category, create ideas as a team and record each on a post-it note.
  - Draw a matrix on a white board or a flip chart easel as seen below.
  - Use it to assess feasibility of the post-it notes.
  - Take into consideration the evaluation of other factors, such as high-cost and low-cost.
  - A separate decision matrix can be used for each identified category.



7. **Determine which three improvement ideas to implement** within the next three months (or just one at a time per quarter).
8. **Complete a design plan** for a small test of change for each improvement idea (see the Intervention Planning Template).
9. **Develop and implement** a roll out plan for the adopted practice.
10. **Continue with each identified improvement idea** and Plan-Do-Change-Act as needed.