Appendix A: Semi-structured interview guide

**Warm Up**

1. What is your job title?
2. How long have you been working in this position?
3. Think back to the last patient you discharged on antibiotics. How did you decide to discharge the patient on antibiotics?
4. How did you decide which antibiotic to give?
5. How did you decide how many antibiotic pills to give?
6. How did you decide how long to treat them with antibiotics?
7. Do you ever give patients instructions on what to do with their antibiotics after hospital discharge? If so, what?
8. What challenges do you face in prescribing antibiotics at hospital discharge?
9. What challenges do patients face in taking antibiotics after hospital discharge? (prompts: getting the antibiotic, paying for the antibiotic, knowing what to do)
10. How do you view your own antimicrobial ordering levels and patterns in relation to others?
11. Do you think your prescribing practices have changed over time? How?
12. Are there specific patient groups that you are more likely to prescribe antibiotics to than others?
13. If you decide not to prescribe antimicrobials what are the alternatives you consider?
14. In addition to the clinical factors we’ve already discussed, what other factors have an effect on your antimicrobial ordering decisions? (i.e. patient expectation, time, risk aversion, financial incentives, etc.)
15. How do you keep up to date on new information about antimicrobials?
16. Do you use antimicrobial guidelines? If yes, which ones?
17. Do you think antimicrobial resistance is a problem in your hospital? For the country as a whole?