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In the fight against AMR and HAI in hospitals, the medical, nursing, hygienic and pharmaceutical professions obviously are the main actors. However, for a successful AMR strategy the hospital manager, being the highest responsible level for patients safety and outcome of the hospital, should be involved more directly. This should be expressed by their personal participation and leadership in the internal AMR and ABS strategy, even when they do not have medical qualifications. This involvement is not only needed in their own house. The hospital manager also has a decisive responsibility in the development of the necessary cooperation of the hospital with other health care institutions, primary care, nursing homes and the public health services in their region. Therefore, he/she must take seriously account of the AMR and ABS policies in the whole internal and external chains in the region. The One Health principle also demands a common strategy of the human and veterinary medicine sectors as well as the agricultural sector in this field, and the hospital manager has an important role in making this coalition working in the region.

ECDC might consider a specific advice on this pivotal role of the healthcare manager in the fight against AMR.