



**SURGICAL INFECTIONS SOCIETY OF EUROPE**

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**'Think twice, seek advice; Misuse of antibiotics puts our patients at risk.'**

WHO - World Antibiotic Awareness Week 12-18 November 2018

Ladies and gentlemen,

Since May 2015 the World Health Organisation has been coordinating a global campaign to raise awareness of antibiotic resistance. In this campaign best practices among the public, policymakers, health care and agriculture professionals are encouraged, in order to avoid further emergence and spread of antibiotic resistance. Effective antimicrobial agents are needed with both preventive and curative intent, protecting patients from potentially fatal diseases and ensuring that complex procedures such as surgery and chemotherapy can be provided at low risk.

The Surgical Infection Society Europe (SIS-E) contributes to this campaign by continuously strengthening our knowledge and evidence base through research and education on surgical infections. We strongly urge our health care professionals from all over the world to join the combat against antimicrobial resistance by eliminating overuse and misuse of antimicrobial agents in human and animal health. In all countries implementation of evidence based guidelines should be prioritized.

Without urgent action we might lose our ability to combat common infectious diseases. Together we should take our responsibility to ensure that treatment and prevention of infectious diseases with quality-assured, safe and effective medicines will always be achievable.

**#StopDrugResistance #AntibioticResistance #AntibioticsAwarenessWeek  
#KeepAntibioticsWorking #WAAW18 #EAAD #SISE2019**

Global Action Plan on Antimicrobial Resistance. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2015.

<https://www.who.int/who-campaigns/world-antibiotic-awareness-week>

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