

Antibiotics: handle with care!

Nurses

Antibiotic resistance **keeps increasing** in Europe, threatening patient safety in all healthcare settings

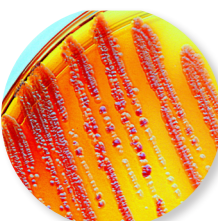
As a nurse, you have a responsibility to use antibiotic prudently and to ensure that they remain effective. In your role, you must:



Follow infection prevention and control guidance



Administer antibiotics to patients according to the prescription



Coordinate the taking and sending of microbiological specimens, and their reporting back to physicians



Report adverse effects of antibiotic therapy to physicians and to appropriate review committees



Manage antibiotic stocks on your ward, and ensuring the traceability of antibiotic use



Provide information on treatments to patients and families



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