

**Antibiotics:
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Antibiotic resistance: You are responsible to ensure that antibiotics remain effective

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A checklist of reminders:



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- Is there a high probability of a bacterial infection, rather than colonization or a viral infection?
- Does the patient have an infection that will respond to antibiotics?
- Have you checked the patient's recent antibiotic use, drug allergies, hospitalisation or institutionalisation, use of immunosuppressive therapy and microbiology results for the previous 3 months?
- Is the patient on the right antibiotics, dosage, and route of administration?
- Can an antibiotic with a narrower spectrum be used to treat the infection?
- Have you prescribed the shortest possible duration of treatment?
- Have the appropriate cultures been taken?
- Do the culture results necessitate starting antibiotic therapy or modifying ongoing the current antibiotic therapy?
- Have you documented the indication of antibiotic treatment, drug choice, dosage, route of administration and duration of treatment in the patient chart?
- Does the choice of antibiotic therapy comply with your hospital's guidelines?
- Does the choice of antibiotic therapy comply with your hospital's antibiotic resistance patterns?

If you have doubts, consult [\[antibiotic stewardship programme, microbiologist, infectious disease specialist\]](#) in our hospital. Contact [\[email address\]](#) or call [\[phone number\]](#). See more information at [\[hospital website/EAAD website\]](#).