



CPME statement – 2018 EAAD

Faced with the increasing cross-border threats to health resulting from antimicrobial resistance, CPME looks at the doctor's role in containing antimicrobial resistance (AMR), notably by promoting the correct use of antibiotics and contributing to make EU a best practice region.

Doctors are committed to prescribe antibiotics responsibly, as an inappropriate use of antibiotics may cause the spread of resistant bacteria. Having access to better and faster diagnostics is a decisive factor for doctors to avoid prescribing unnecessary antibiotics and to help prolong the effectiveness of the correct drugs. In this respect, it is necessary that equitable access to rapid diagnostic tools must be ensured by Member States.

Moreover, CPME calls upon academic researchers, industry and national governments to renew and increase their efforts to tackle the threat of antibiotic resistant "superbugs" through high-level research and development.

CPME also recognises the important role played by vaccinations in reducing AMR, as they reduce the use of antibiotics by preventing bacterial infections before they occur. We therefore call upon the Member States, the European Commission and the World Health Organisation to promote vaccination and support awareness-raising activities.