



European Dental Students' Association

PRESS RELEASE

Antimicrobial Resistance Statement

The spread of antimicrobial resistance (AMR) threatens a return to the pre-antibiotic era of untreatable infections, becoming one of the most important modern healthcare challenges. While **prevention, research and surveillance** embody the framework for concerted international action to tackle the threat of AMR, attention should be focused on national action plans as well.

Evidence-based protocols and further **research** are required, in order to facilitate local implementation of **qualified standards** and support the development of longer-term solutions. Following efficient policies, the prescription, distribution and use of antibiotics should prevent the overuse and misuse of this valuable, life-saving resource.

The European Dental Students' Association (EDSA) supports the idea of defining a set of specific policy interventions based on **research** and developing an international **framework** for a global response to AMR, helping to bridge evidence gaps and overcoming barriers to implementation.

The EDSA aims to:

- Raise awareness on AMR by:
 - Organizing workgroups and lectures during EDSA meetings,
 - Providing materials about AMR to national dental students' associations,
 - Communicating through EDSA official publications and social networks about the issues faced with AMR.
- Ensure that the advocacy follows the evolution of antibiotics use,
- Promote the training of responsible and evidence-based rules of antibiotic prescription in European dental schools,
- Collaborate with official institutions and inform our members about recent developments in the field of AMR,
- Collaborate with our European Healthcare Students' Associations Summit (EHSAS) partners on a joint policy on AMR.

Raising awareness of AMR among groups of stakeholders and the general public is a fundamental step in confronting antimicrobial development. Dental schools can be important vehicles for this. Working within our national infrastructures and regulatory bodies, we can contribute to and support the implementation of AMR prevention and control measures. Tailoring national implementation to the local situation might require more effort for some countries, but as long as progress is made towards common goals, such effort will be worth it.

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