

Antibiotics: handle with care!

Hospital
prescribers

Up to half of all antibiotic use
in hospitals is **unnecessary** or
inappropriate

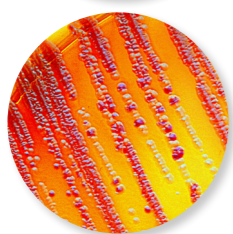
As a hospital prescriber, you have a responsibility to use antibiotic prudently and to ensure that they remain effective. In your role, you must:



Follow infection prevention and control guidance



Initiate antibiotic treatment as soon as possible in patients with severe infection



Ensure that relevant cultures are taken timely



Re-evaluate treatment after 48–72 hours, or when results from microbiological samples are available



Prescribe according to evidence-based hospital antibiotic guidelines for common infections and for surgical prophylaxis



Inform your patients of any antibiotics prescribed, and their potential adverse effects



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