

# ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE



**Antibiotic resistance** happens when bacteria change and become resistant to the antibiotics used to treat the infections they cause. This is compromising our ability to treat infectious diseases and undermining many advances in medicine.

We must handle antibiotics with care so they remain effective for as long as possible.

## WHAT POLICY MAKERS CAN DO



- 1 Ensure you have a **robust national action plan** to tackle antibiotic resistance
- 2 Improve **surveillance** of antibiotic-resistant infections
- 3 **Strengthen policies and implementation** of infection prevention and control measures
- 4 **Regulate and promote** the appropriate use of quality medicines
- 5 Make information on the **impact** of antibiotic resistance available

[www.who.int/drugresistance](http://www.who.int/drugresistance)

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