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Antibiotic Awareness Week, 17-23 November 2014



Monday marked the beginning of Antibiotic Awareness Week 2014, a global campaign to raise awareness of antibiotic resistance and promote the responsible use of antibiotics.

This year's campaign for hospitals focuses on the theme *No action today, no cure tomorrow*[^], and highlights seven actions you can take to improve antibiotic prescribing and use.

[For more details on the Commission's Antibiotic Awareness Week 2014 campaign.](#)

[^]Adopted from World Health Day, 2011 (World Health Organization)

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New video presentations for Antibiotic Awareness Week 2014

New for Antibiotic Awareness Week are two recorded presentations.

Dr Celia Cooper presents 'Think Global, Act Local!', a presentation concerning antimicrobial resistance and the role of antimicrobial stewardship in hospital settings in addressing this global health problem..

In 'Principles of Antibiotic Pharmacotherapy', Miss Caroline Chen outlines different classes of commonly used antibiotics, their spectrum of activity and issues to consider when prescribing and administering these

commonly used agents.

To access the video presentations and for more information

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Global twitter chat

Tuesday 18 November 2014 is international Antibiotic Awareness Day. Organisations and experts from countries around the world including Australia, Canada, the US and many in Europe will be participating. Australia will be leading the discussion between 11.00am-3.00pm (AEDT) using #AntibioticDay.

Follow the Commission on Twitter [@ACSQHC](#). Throughout the week the Commission and its partners will be using #AbxAus to communicate messages about antibiotic resistance.

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National Antimicrobial Prescribing Survey (NAPS)

Melbourne Health National Health and Medical Research Centre (NHMRC) for Antimicrobial Stewardship is coordinating NAPS. The NAPS went live on 10 October. To date, over 390 hospitals and 520 users have registered.

The NAPS is supported by the Commission as effective AMS is a key plank of the Commission's national work to prevent and contain antimicrobial resistance. Acute health care services of all sizes, public and private, across the country, can participate in the NAPS. For rural sites – which may not have specialist infectious diseases advice or an antimicrobial pharmacist – special assistance can be provided.

Further information regarding the 2014 NAPS, contact naps@vicniss.org.au

For more information and access to the NAPS.

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Resources for Antibiotic Awareness Week 2014



ANTIBIOTIC AWARENESS WEEK
17-23 NOVEMBER 2014
Preserve the Miracle

No action today, no cure tomorrow

To learn more about what you can do, look out for events in your health service, or visit www.safetyandquality.gov.au

7 actions YOU can take:

- 1 Obtain cultures before starting therapy
- 2 Use Therapeutic Guidelines: Antibiotic*
- 3 Document indication and review date
- 4 Review and reassess antibiotics at 48 hours
- 5 Consider IV to oral switch
- 6 Seek advice for complex cases
- 7 Educate patients about antibiotic use

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It's not too late for your health service organisations to contribute to the Antibiotic Awareness Week campaign. The Commission has prepared a suite of resources to help you highlight the problem of antimicrobial resistance and promote the safe and judicious use of antimicrobials in your hospitals and in the community.

Resources available for download include posters, a PowerPoint presentation, fact sheets, a pocket card and logos.

[For access to these resources and additional information on Antibiotic Awareness Week.](#)

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Antibiotic Awareness Week partners

Antibiotic Awareness Week 2014 is led by a national working group that involves the Commission, The Australian Government Department of Health and Department of Agriculture, NPS MedicineWise, state and territory health departments and the Australian Veterinary Association.

Antibiotic Awareness Week is also supported by the Australasian Society for Infectious Diseases, the Australian Society for Antimicrobials and the Australasian College of Infection Prevention and Control and the Society of Hospital Pharmacists of Australia.

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