

ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE



WHAT CAN HOSPITAL & CLINIC MANAGERS DO?

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.

- ✓ Do you prevent infections by ensuring staff clean their hands, instruments & environment?
- ✓ Are you implementing programmes to optimize antibiotic use & monitor prescribing & resistance patterns?
- ✓ Have you dedicated resources (human, financial, IT) to tackling antibiotic resistance & preventing the spread of infections?
- ✓ Do you discharge patients as soon as they're well enough (to lower the risk of infection)?
- ✓ Do you have adequate toilets & safe water & proper waste management?