One Health, One Action:
Prevent AMR Now



WORLD AMR AWARENESS WEEK

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AMR IS HAPPENING NOW

AMR is already here. In the Western Pacific Region, drug-resistant bacterial infections are expected to cause 5.2 million deaths by 2030. In Australia, reports of critical antimicrobial resistance increased by 25.2% between 2023 and 2024. Fungal infections are also becoming increasingly difficult to treat, and few new antimicrobials are being developed.

PRECIOUS MEDICINES, USED WITH CARE

Antimicrobials are a precious resource, and misuse drives resistance. In 2024, 23.2 million antibiotic prescriptions were supplied to Australians, and only 45% of antibiotics prescribed after surgery were considered appropriate. Use antimicrobials only when needed, take them as directed, and return unused medicines to a pharmacy for safe disposal.

PREVENTION STARTS WITH US

An infection that's prevented never needs treating. Hand hygiene, clean environments and air, safe water and sanitation, and vaccination all reduce the need for antimicrobials.

TAKE ONE ACTION

Whether you're a healthcare worker, veterinarian, farmer, beauty therapist, office-based practitioner, policymaker or community member, your actions matter. Together, one action at a time, we can prevent AMR.

Scan for resources, further reading and the latest research

Sources: World Health Organization Regional Office for the Western Pacific. Health and economic impacts of antimicrobial resistance in the Western Pacific Region, 2020–2030. Manila: WHO WPRO; 2023. Australian Centre for Disease Control. Sixth Australian report on antimicrobial use and resistance in human health (AURA report). Canberra: Australian Government; 2026.

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