

ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE

WHAT CAN **DENTISTS** DO?



Antibiotic Resistance happens when bacteria change and become resistant to the antibiotics used to treat the infections they cause.



- ✓ Do you always follow infection prevention & control protocols?
- ✓ Do you only prescribe antibiotics when they are needed, & according to current guidelines?
- ✓ When prescribing antibiotics, do you talk to patients about how to take them correctly, antibiotic resistance & the dangers of misuse?
- ✓ Do you ask your patient about their previous & present antibiotic use?
- ✓ Do you talk to patients about preventing infections (e.g. good oral hygiene)?