

ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE

WHAT CAN HEALTH WORKERS DO?



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



- ✓ Are your hands, instruments & environment clean?
- ✓ Do you only prescribe & dispense antibiotics when they are needed, according to current guidelines?
- ✓ Do you report drug-resistant infections to surveillance teams?
- ✓ Do you talk to patients about how to take antibiotics correctly, antibiotic resistance & the dangers of misuse?
- ✓ Do you talk to patients about preventing infections (e.g. vaccination, hand washing, safer sex, covering nose & mouth when sneezing)?