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.

**What can dentists do?**

- 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)?