

# ANTIBIOTIC PRESCRIBING IN DENTISTRY

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Lesson

“Antimicrobial resistance poses a catastrophic threat. If we don’t act now, any one of us could go into hospital in 20 years for minor surgery and die because of an ordinary infection that can’t be treated by antibiotics.” (Professor Dame Sally Davies, Chief Medical Officer ; March 2013)

The inappropriate use of antibiotics is related to bacterial resistance. Responsible use of antimicrobials should help control it. The Dental Antimicrobial Stewardship (AMS ) toolkit aims to influence prescribers and patients attitudes to enable optimal antibiotic prescribing.

*The Dental AMS toolkit can contribute to dental surgeries and practitioners demonstrating compliance with the Health and Social Care Act 2008: Code of Practice on the prevention and control of infections and related guidance.*

To access the tool go to:  
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/dental-antimicrobial-stewardship-toolkit>



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## “Antibiotics do not cure toothache”

Information leaflets & posters have been created to use in the dental practice to promote patient awareness of antibiotics and prescribing.

Further information go to:  
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The global impact estimates that a failure to address the problem of antibiotic resistance could result in: **10 million deaths every year globally by 2050 and a cost of £66 trillion (\$100 trillion) to the global economy.**

(Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) Review commissioned by the UK Government in 2014 )

The infection control team can be contacted if you require any additional advice/support on 01744 457314/ 01744 457312