



Antimicrobial Stewardship in Primary Care

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Message from the Guest Editor

Antibiotic resistance is a global issue with 33000 people dying every year due to infections with antibiotic-resistant bacteria. It is well known that overuse and misuse of antibiotics is directly linked to resistance, and that many of these antibiotics are prescribed in the primary care setting. The need for antimicrobial stewardship has never been greater and in recent years there have been numerous stewardship activities aimed at turning the tide of resistance. Although it is important to take a One Health approach to Stewardship, this special edition focuses on antimicrobial stewardship in primary care. We are interested in both qualitative and quantitative research across the following areas.

1. Antimicrobial stewardship initiatives across different primary care sectors
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Message from the Editor-in-Chief

There are very few fields that attract as much attention as scientific endeavor related to antibiotic discovery, use and preservation. The public, patients, scientists, clinicians, policy-makers, NGOs, governments, and supra-governmental organizations are all focusing intensively on it: all are concerned that we use our existing agents more effectively, and develop and evaluate new interventions in time to face emerging challenges for the benefit of present and future generations. We need every discipline to contribute and collaborate: molecular, microbiological, clinical, epidemiological, geographic, economic, social scientific and policy disciplines are all key. *Antibiotics* is a nimble, inclusive and rigorous indexed journal as an enabling platform for all who can contribute to solving the greatest broad concerns of the modern world.

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