

Special Issue

Antimicrobial Use and Stewardship in Primary Care

Message from the Guest Editors

Optimizing antimicrobial use in primary care is central to addressing growing antimicrobial resistance (AMR). Worldwide, primary care faces enormous challenges in the design and implementation of antimicrobial stewardship programs. Although the national AMR action plans of several countries highlight the importance of antimicrobial stewardship in primary care, evidence is limited in the literature related to intervention strategies which are effective and feasible, implementation trials, multidisciplinary health service models supporting stewardship programs, and regulatory policies. This evidence has unique importance to guide practitioners, stakeholders, and policymakers about evidence-based prescribing practices, stewardship implementation, identifying stewardship targets, and informing policies to harness antimicrobial stewardship in primary care. This Special Issue of *Antibiotics* aims to accumulate evidence of both original research and reviews to present an overview of the current progress and practices in evidence-based antimicrobial prescribing and stewardship in primary care. We welcome your contributions to any of the above topics.

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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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