

# ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE

## WHAT CAN **DOCTORS** DO?



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



- ✓ Do you **always follow infection prevention & control protocols**?
- ✓ Do you **use diagnostics** to make informed treatment decisions (when possible)?
- ✓ Do you **only prescribe & dispense antibiotics** when they are needed, according to current guidelines?
- ✓ 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)?