

ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE

WHAT CAN **PHARMACISTS** DO?



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



- ✓ Do you **only dispense antibiotics** when they are **needed**, according to current guidelines (e.g. does the patient have a valid **prescription**, is it for the **right drug/dose/duration**)?
- ✓ When patients are seeking treatment for **cold or flu**, do you explain that **antibiotics are not needed**?
- ✓ Do you **talk to patients** about how to **take antibiotics correctly**, **antibiotic resistance** & the **dangers of misuse**?
- ✓ Do you remind patients to contact their health professional if **symptoms persist**?
- ✓ Do you talk to patients about **preventing infections** (e.g. vaccination, hand washing, safer sex, covering nose & mouth when sneezing)?