

What you need to know

WHO's first global report on antimicrobial resistance, with a focus on antibiotic resistance, reveals that it is no longer a prediction for the future. Antibiotic resistance when bacteria change and antibiotics fail - is happening right now, across the world



The report is the most comprehensive picture to date, with data provided by 114 countries

Looking at 7 common bacteria that cause serious diseases from bloodstream infections to gonorrhoea

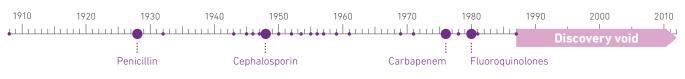


High levels of resistance found in all regions of the world



Significant gaps exist in tracking of antibiotic resistance

Over the last 30 years, no major new types of antibiotics have been developed



What does this mean?

Without urgent action we are heading for a post-antibiotic era, in which common infections and minor injuries can once again kill

How can infections be prevented in the first place to reduce the need for antibiotics?









Better hygiene

Access to clean water and sanitation

Infection control in healthcare facilities

Vaccination

What you can do



Use antibiotics only when prescribed by a health professional



Complete the full prescription, even if you feel better



Never share antibiotics with others or use leftover prescriptions