Training the next generation of health care professionals in antimicrobial stewardship

Antimicrobial stewardship (AMS) is a key component to stop the current spread of antimicrobial resistance. Educational programmes are particularly important for the successful implementation of AMS.

Therefore, the EAP strongly advocates that all medical doctors in Europe who will be undertaking significant practice in child health should master the competencies needed to prescribe antibiotics to children rationally. Importantly, interdisciplinary approaches of education need to be developed, as all hospitals and health regions in Europe ideally should have AMS programmes that serve all patient types, including children.

We all have the responsibility to ensure that existing antibiotics remain effective.

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