



SEVEN ACTIONS YOU CAN TAKE TO FIGHT ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE

There are a number of concrete evidence-based actions that dentists can take to dramatically and safely reduce unnecessary antibiotic use.

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Unless there are signs of systemic involvement, do not prescribe antibiotics for acute dental abscess.

SOURCE: CHOOSING WISELY

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Don't prescribe antibiotics for irreversible pulpitis (toothache).

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Limit pre-operative antibiotics to a single dose.

SOURCE: BUGS & DRUGS

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Avoid giving antibiotics to patients with non-valvular cardiac or other indwelling devices.

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Do not give prophylactic antibiotics prior to dental procedures with total joint replacement

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Use penicillin rather than amoxicillin as drug of first choice for most indications

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Have your office adapt an algorithm to validate penicillin and amoxicillin allergy so as to avoid over-use of clindamycin

SOURCE: DO BUGS NEED DRUGS?



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