



THE TIME IS NOW

DO YOUR PART

PRESERVE ANTIMICROBIALS FOR TOMORROW



The rules for dispensing medically important antimicrobials (MIAs) are changing to better protect animal and human health. On December 1, 2018, all MIAs will be available by prescription only. As a veterinarian, you can do your part by using antimicrobials responsibly to ensure they are effective in the fight against disease, now and in the future.

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USING ANTIMICROBIALS RESPONSIBLY

Antimicrobial Resistance (AMR) is a global threat to human and animal health

The responsible use of antimicrobials is critical to maintaining our ability to treat illnesses in the future.

Health Canada is working with provincial, national and international partners to address the challenges of AMR. In one initiative, several Medically Important Antimicrobials (MIAs) will be moved to the Prescription Drug List as of December 1, 2018. Some MIAs that were once available over the counter will **only be available by prescription.**



WHAT IT MEANS TO YOU

As a licensed veterinarian, you have a greater role in overseeing antimicrobial use. That's why it's more important than ever to employ some basic strategies:



▪ Have a valid veterinarian-client-patient relationship



▪ Educate clients on disease prevention strategies



▪ Weigh all treatment options



▪ Follow-up on treatment plans



▪ Choose antimicrobials wisely and only as needed



▪ Think about the effect your decision might have on public health



SPREAD THE WORD

Talk to your clients about the responsible use of antimicrobials and the **December 1, 2018 deadline.** Preventing AMR is everyone's responsibility.

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For tools and resources you can use to help in the fight against AMR visit www.cvo.org/AMR

