

Antibiotic Awareness Week

13 – 19 November 2017
Programme

The number of cases of antibiotic resistance is increasing globally and with it the risk that infectious diseases will become very difficult or impossible to treat, meaning humans and animals will die.

In Switzerland, too, every year people and animals are infected with bacteria which have become resistant to antibiotics. With its World Antibiotic Awareness Week, the WHO aims to raise public awareness about this issue. In Switzerland, the national Antibiotic Awareness Week (13 – 19 November 2017) will be held in numerous locations across the country to provide information on and discuss the topic of antibiotic resistance. The consequences of antibiotic resistance affect humans, animals, agriculture and the environment in equal measure. Both specialists and the general public ought to be informed about this problem.

This is one of the most important measures initiated by the Swiss Strategy on Antibiotic Resistance (StAR), which was approved by the Swiss Federal Council in 2015. Initiated by the Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH), the Federal Food Safety and Veterinary Office (FSVO) and the Federal Offices for Agriculture (FOAG) and the Environment (FOEN), the Awareness Week is supported by numerous associations and organisations, as well as actors working throughout Switzerland in medicine, veterinary medicine, agriculture and environmental research who are pursuing activities and campaigns of their own.

You can also find interesting local information sessions, symposia, presentations and tours here. This document will be updated regularly.



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From	To	Type	Activity	Organisation/contact	Time	Venue	Area	Public
01.08.2017	31.12.2017	Miscellaneous	App: Guidelines for Antibiotic Usage, new edition	Stadtspital Triemli Gerhard Eich		Stadtspital Triemli, Zurich	Human	no
01.10.2017	31.12.2017	Course	Internal staff training: Introduction of standardised measures for antibiotic stewardship	Infectiology and Hospital Hygiene, Klinik St. Anna Christina Orasch		Klinik St. Anna, Lucerne	Human	no
01.10.2017	31.12.2017	Course	Antibiotic Stewardship	Stadtspital Triemli Gerhard Eich		Stadtspital Triemli, Zurich	Human	no
27.10.2017	27.10.2017	Lecture	Meeting of veal farmers (integrated production) from Western Switzerland	UNIVO Hubert Gauderon	10.00 a.m.–4.00 p.m.	Corminboeuf	Animal/ Agriculture	no
02.11.2017	02.11.2017	Lecture	Seminar for general practitioners on using antibiotics to treat respiratory tract infections.	Geneva University Hospitals Benedikt Huttner	1.30 p.m.–4.00 p.m.	Natural History Museum of Geneva	Human	no

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09.11.2017	16.11.2017	Publication	Publication on the project to implement the StAR strategy in human medicine	Swissnoso, the Swiss Society for Infectious Diseases, the Swiss Society for Microbiology Viktoria Rion			Human	yes
13.11.2017	24.11.2017	Exhibition	Small exhibition at HAFL	School of Agricultural, Forest and Food Sciences (HAFL) Judith Peter-Egli	full day	HAFL, Zollikofen	Animal/ Agriculture	yes
13.11.2017	19.11.2017	Lecture	Braunvieh Academy	Braunvieh Schweiz / the Kometian association – complementary veterinary medicine Michaela Glärner	full day	Various Braunvieh (brown cattle) breeders	Animal	no
13.11.2017	13.11.2017	Lecture	Lecture for doctors and care staff	Stadtspital Triemli Gerhard Eich	from 08.00 a.m.	Stadtspital Triemli, Zurich	Human	no
13.11.2017	13.11.2017	Lecture	Information event for milk producers	Kometian Association – Complementary Veterinary Medicine Marlis Ammann	1.15 p.m.–4.00 p.m.		Animal	yes
13.11.2017	13.11.2017	Lecture	«Reducing antibiotic resistance - we're making progress!»	Swiss Farmers' Union Thomas Jäggi			Agriculture	
13.11.2017	19.11.2017	Course	Lectures and workshops in schools	Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL) Christophe Notz		Schools in German-speaking Switzerland	Animal	yes
13.11.2017	13.11.2017	Course	Seminaire Résistance Emergentes aux antibiotiques	NARA Patrice Nordmann	5.00 p.m.–6.30 p.m.	University of Fribourg	Human	yes
13.11.2017	19.11.2017	Course	Training event for general practitioners and paediatricians	Institute for Complementary Medicine IKOM, University of Bern Ursula Wolf		University of Bern	Human	no
13.11.2017	19.11.2017	Miscellaneous	Information campaign on the CHUV's intranet and internet	Lausanne University Hospital CHUV Laurence Senn			Human	yes
13.11.2017	17.11.2017	Miscellaneous	Information stand for Plantahof students during Antibiotic Awareness Week	Plantahof, agricultural training and consultancy centre Martin Roth		Plantahof, Landquart	Animal/ Agriculture	no
13.11.2017	19.11.2017	Lecture	Lectures for staff from the University Hospital Zurich on the topic of "StAR wars: may the antibiotics be with you"	University Hospital Zurich Rainer Weber		University Hospital Zurich	Human	no
13.11.2017	19.11.2017	Miscellaneous	The Swiss Society for Microbiology (SSM) will produce a series of mini-videos showing specialists from universities in French-speaking Switzerland (Lausanne, Geneva, Neuchâtel and Fribourg) answering various questions on the issue of antibiotic resistance	Swiss Society for Microbiology (SSM) / BiOutils / RTS-découverte Karl Perron		Universities of French-speaking Switzerland	Human	no
13.11.2017	19.11.2017	Miscellaneous	Information poster in the clinic reception and information notice on the clinic's homepage	Vetsuisse Faculty (University of Bern), Clinic for Ruminants Mireille Meylan		Clinic for Ruminants, University of Bern	Animal	yes
13.11.2017	19.11.2017	Publication	Publication of a specialist article in the SAT (Schweizer Archiv für Tierheilkunde [Swiss Archive of Veterinary Medicine]) and in the medical journal and press release for the StAR symposium for small animal vets	Gesellschaft für Schweizer Tierärzten und Tierärzte Patrizia Andina-Pfister			Animal	yes
13.11.2017	19.11.2017	Publication	Publication on the Interpharma website	Interpharma, association of research-based pharmaceutical companies in Switzerland Sara Käch			Human	yes

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13.11.2017	19.11.2017	Publication	Publication of specialist articles on the website and on social media and distribution of a press release	KAGfreiland, organisation for the protection of Livestock Pascal Girod			Animal/ Agriculture	yes
13.11.2017	19.11.2017	Publication	Publication on the Cantonal Ministry of Public Health's website	Ministry of Public Health for the Canton of Obwalden Patrick Csomor			Human	yes
13.11.2017	19.11.2017	Publication	Distribution of a newsletter on Antibiotic Awareness Week designed to raise awareness amongst doctors in the Canton of Bern	Medical Office for the Canton of Bern Meret Ricklin			Human	no
13.11.2017	19.11.2017	Miscella-neous	The foundation supports the Strategy on Antibiotic Resistance and is working with the Federal Office of Public Health (FOPH) on this issue, particularly within the framework of its conferences	Kollegium für Hausarztmedizin (KHM) / Collège de médecine de premier recours (CMPR) Bénédicte Laville			Human	no
13.11.2017	19.11.2017	Publication	Distribution of a newsletter on Antibiotic Awareness Week	mfe Haus- und Kinderärzte Schweiz Philippe Luchsinger			Human	no
13.11.2017	19.11.2017	Publication	Press release sent out about investigations into pre-cooked food in restaurants	Swiss Association of Cantonal Chemists (SACCh) Philipp Hübner			Humans	yes
13.11.2017	19.11.2017	Miscella-neous	Information campaign on the website, social media and a stand in the hall at Sion Hospital	Hôpital du Valais Diana Dax		Valais	Humans	yes
13.11.2017	13.11.2017	Lecture	"Agriculture gets involved!"	Schweizer Bauernverband Thomas Jäggi	1.15 p.m. – 2 p.m.	Ruedi Bigler's farm Eichenstrasse 63, Moosseedorf	Agriculture	
13.11.2017	19.11.2017	Publication	Raising awareness through articles and information materials	Dachverband Schweizerischer Patientenstellen (Federation of Swiss Patient Centres) Erika Ziltener			Human	yes
13.11.2017	19.11.2017	Lecture	Announcement about the week, the different activities proposed, and a short presentation about the StAR strategy	Directorate General for Health, Cantonal Medical Service Jaques-André Romand			Human	
14.11.2017	14.11.2017	Lecture	Media/Veterinarians' event at UFA Bühl on using fewer antibiotics through targeted calf rearing.	UFA AG, test operation UFA-Bühl Samuel Geissbühler	1.30 p.m.–3.15 p.m.	UFA Bühl, Hendschiken		no
14.11.2017	14.11.2017	Lecture	StAR human medicine stakeholder workshop	Federal Office of Public Health FOPH Johanna Evéquoz	1.45 p.m.–5.15 p.m.	Hotel Bern, Bern	Human	no
14.11.2017	14.11.2017	Lecture	Short lecture on antibiotic resistance as part of the Grand Rounds programme at the Geneva University Hospitals (HUG)	Geneva University Hospitals Benedikt Huttner		Geneva University Hospitals	Human	no
14.11.2017	14.11.2017	Course	Symposium on the topic of antibiotic resistance	Public Health Switzerland Corina Wirth	9.15 a.m.–12.50 p.m.	Hotel Bern, Bern	Human	yes
14.11.2017	14.11.2017	Miscella-neous	Information material on quality indicators in outpatient medicine	EQUAM Foundation Paula Bezzola	1.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m.	Welle7, Bern	Humans	no
14.11.2017	14.11.2017	Publication	Information about the ReLait project on reducing antibiotics in dairy farming in the Fribourg region	Grangeneuve, agricultura institute of the Canton of Fribourg Jean-Charles Philipona	from 10.30 a.m.	Vogelhus 77, Bösingen	Animal/ Agriculture	yes
15.11.2017	15.11.2017	Lecture	Information morning about the trials, their results and the practical implications of reducing the use of antibiotics for fattening pigs	Agroscope Posieux Myriam Rothacher	8.30 a.m.–11.30 a.m	Agroscope, Posieux	Animal	

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15.11.2017	15.11.2017	Lecture	Training event for general practitioners, gynaecologists and paediatricians	Swiss Medical Society for Phytotherapy (SMGP) Beatrix Falch	6.00 p.m.–8.00 p.m.	Zurich, IKI (Institute for Complementary and Integrative Medicine), University of Zurich	Human	no
15.11.2017	15.11.2017	Lecture	Member meeting, infection prevention specialists from German-speaking Switzerland	University Hospital, Inselspital Bern, Infection Prevention Marianne Laguardia	1.30 p.m.–4.30 p.m.	Inselspital Bern	Human	no
16.11.2017	16.11.2017	Further education	Training for agricultural consultants, teachers and employees of the cantonal veterinary offices (StAR multipliers)	FSVO, Agridea Marc Bössinger	full day	Bern	Animal	no
16.11.2017	16.11.2017	Lecture	Five lectures followed by a tour of the new ARA site	VSA Swiss Water Association Nadine Czekalski	2.00 p.m.–6.00 p.m.	ARA new site, Dübendorf	Environment	yes
16.11.2017	16.11.2017	Lecture	Lecture on the topic of «New antimicrobial agents»	Swiss Expert Committee for Biosafety (SECB) Isabel Hunger	5.00 p.m.–5.45 p.m.	University Hospital Zurich Small lecture theatre, PATH Schmelzbergstr.12	Human	yes
16.11.2017	16.11.2017	Course	Training event for general practitioners and paediatricians	Institute for Complementary Medicine IKOM, University of Bern Martin Frei-Erb	1.30 p.m.–5.00 p.m.	University of Bern	Human	no
17.11.2017	17.11.2017	Lecture	Presentation on poultry meat production at the Aviforum	Aviforum Foundation Ruedi Zweifel	2.00 p.m.–4.00 p.m.	Zollikofen	Animal	
17.11.2017	17.11.2017	Symposium	StAR symposium for small animal vets	FSVO, SVS, SVK, Vetsuisse Faculty Dagmar Heim	full day	Bern	Animal	no
17.11.2017	17.11.2017	Course	Basic course and practical workshop on homeopathy on 17 November	Fondation Rurale Interjurassienne Véronique Frutschi Mascher	9.30 a.m.–4.00 p.m.		Animal	
17.11.2017	17.11.2017	Lecture	Spread of bacteria and antibiotic-resistant genes in aquatic and clinical environments: Source, identification, risk and prevention	University of Geneva John Poté		Uni Carl Vogt	Human	
18.11.2017	18.11.2017	Course	Information event for consumers	LIEBEGG Agricultural Centre and Aargau Farmers' Association Ueli Wolleb		Liebegg Agricultural Centre, Gränichen	Agriculture	yes
21.11.2017	21.11.2017	Lecture	Specialist information evening: Antibiotic resistance – challenges in cattle farming	Landwirtschaftlicher Beratungsdienst Uri (Uri Agricultural Advisory Service), Braunviehzuchtverband Uri (Uri Braunvieh Breeding Association), Züchtergruppe Uri-Gothard (Uri-Gothard Breeders' Group) Adrian Arnold	8 p.m.–10 p.m.	Schützenhaus Altdorf	Animal/Agriculture	yes
22.11.2017	22.11.2017	Lecture		Becton Dickinson AG Sabine Kempf	8.30 a.m.–4.10 p.m.	Bellevue Palace Hotel, Bern	Humans	no
23.11.2017	23.11.2017	Lecture	Symposium: Antibiotic resistance - so what?	Inselspital Bern Hansjakob Furrer	12.30 p.m.–5.15 p.m.	Inselspital Bern, children's clinic, Ettore Rossi Lecture Theatre	Human	yes
November	November	Miscellaneous	Distribution of information material on Antibiotic Awareness Week to doctors in the Canton of Ticino	Health Department of the Canton of Ticino Giorgio Merlani		Collegio dei Medici, Ticino	Human	yes
November	November	Miscellaneous	Distribution of information material on Antibiotic Awareness Week to doctors in the Canton of Uri	Health Department of the Canton of Uri Roland Hartmann		Collegio dei Medici, Uri	Human	yes

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October	November	Course	Various training sessions and information for staff	Hospital of Lucerne Beat Sonderegger		Lucerne	Human	no
October	November	Publication	Publication of a paper article about Antibiotic Awareness Week and health data projects	Association of Swiss Cattle Breeders (ASR) Sarah Görlich			Agriculture	yes
		Miscella-neous	Launch and promotion of the new advice service called «Diminuer l'emploi d'antibiotiques en production laitière»	Fondation Rurale Interjurassienne Véronique Frutschi Mascher			Animal/ Agriculture	
		Publication	Publication in the „Bündner Bauer“ journal	Bio Grischun (Bio Suisse) Bernadette Arpagaus	Grisons		Agriculture	yes
		Miscella-neous	Press release and media coverage	Fédération romande des consommateurs FRC Barbara Pfenninger			Human	yes
		Publication	Publication of a specialist article in the Competence magazine	H+ Die Spitäler der Schweiz Martina Greiter			Human	yes
		Publication	Information on the health pages of Le Nouvelliste and the Walliser Bote	Ministry of Public Health for the Canton of Valais Emilie Morard Gaspoz			Human	yes
		Publication	Publication of specialist articles in magazines, on the website and on social media	pharmaSuisse Rahel Rohrer			Human	yes
		Publication	Distribution of information material to insurance providers and publication of an article on antibiotic resistance in the santésuisse customer magazine	santésuisse Sandra Kobelt			Human	no
		Lecture	Advanced training event for vets	Veterinary Office for the Canton of Vaud Paola Ruegg			Animal	no
		Publication		Swiss Expert Committee for Biosafety (SECB) Isabel Hunger			Human	yes
		Lecture	Publication of the StAR strategy	Dianalabs Nadia Liassine	Dianalabs sample collection centres		Human	
		Miscella-neous	A poster campaign with flyers and a fun game	HPCi Vaud Christiane Pétignat			Human	yes



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