

# The Reality of Antimicrobial Resistance

If antimicrobial resistance continues to be unaddressed, then the number of deaths globally related to drug-resistant infections is estimated to increase from **700,000 to 10 million deaths per year in 2050.**<sup>1</sup>



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## The Significance of Antimicrobial Stewardship Interventions<sup>2</sup>

Improve  
patient health  
outcomes

Minimize  
adverse events  
associated with  
antibiotic use

Lower  
healthcare  
costs without  
lowering the  
quality of care

## Become a Champion of Antimicrobial Stewardship

### Improve Your Knowledge

Keep up your knowledge of appropriate antimicrobial agent selection by taking continuing education courses on various infectious diseases

### Utilize Your Full Scope

Review all antibiotic prescriptions for appropriateness and consider adapting, or make recommendations where necessary. Patients can also benefit from receiving vaccines for preventable diseases that you may administer. Thus, review immunization histories and recommend appropriate vaccines.

### Be Innovative in Your Practice

Expand on pharmacy professional services, such as providing basic wound care or point-of-care tests<sup>2,3,4</sup>, and collaborate with other healthcare providers to review culture results<sup>4,6</sup> or antibiotic prescriptions.<sup>2</sup>

## OPA has resources to help you get started!

Pharmacist Worksheet for AMS Recommendation

Prescriber Notification of AMS Recommendation

Visit [opatoday.com/antimicrobial-resistance](https://opatoday.com/antimicrobial-resistance) for more information

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