World AMR Awareness Week 2026



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On the occasion of World AMR Awareness Week 2026, the Global Alliance for Infections in Surgery is pleased to organize the international webinar "Antimicrobial Stewardship and Infection Prevention and Control in Global Health: A Shared Responsibility Against Antimicrobial Resistance," to be held on 20 November 2026.

The webinar will bring together international experts from different countries and disciplines to discuss antimicrobial resistance from a Global Health perspective, address current and emerging challenges, and explore the essential roles of antimicrobial stewardship, diagnostic stewardship, infection prevention and control, innovation, and integrated approaches to infection prevention and management.

Participation in the webinar is free of charge and open to everyone. All times indicated in the programme refer to Central European Time (CET). Participants will be able to actively engage in the event and interact with speakers and experts through the live chat.

All participants will receive a certificate of participation.

To facilitate live participation by healthcare professionals and researchers across different regions and time zones, the webinar will run for eight hours, as follows:

Time: 11:00 AM – 7:00 PM (11:00 – 19:00) Central European Time (CET)

PROGRAM

November 20, 2026

11:00 (Central European Time)

Opening

Massimo Sartelli (Italy)

Why World AMR Awareness Week 2026 matters

Silvia Bertagnolio (WHO)

11:20

Beyond technical guidelines: reimagining infection prevention and control through human factors, solidarity and global health to address AMR

Claire Kilpatrick - Julie Storr (United Kingdom)

11:40

Multidisciplinary collaboration in addressing AMR

Giancarlo Ripabelli (Italy)

SESSION I

Antimicrobial resistance in a changing world: global challenges, emerging contexts and innovative solutions

Chair: Marco Falcone (Italy)

12:00

Vaccination as a key strategy to tackle AMR

Caterina Rizzo (Italy)

12:20

Antimicrobial resistance in conflicts and war zones

Souha Kanj (Lebanon)

12:40

The impact of AMR on the Sustainable Development Goals

Sujith Chandy (India)

13:00

Antimicrobial resistance: an evolving global threat

Rasha Abdelsalam Elshenawy (United Kingdom)

13:20

AMR at mass gatherings: emerging challenges and public health strategies

Ziad A Memish (Saudi Arabia)

13:40

The role of artificial intelligence in tackling AMR

Susu Zughaier (Qatar)

14:00

Discussion

Invited to the discussion: Steward Mudenda (Zambia), Junaid Naeem (Pakistan)

SESSION II

Antimicrobial resistance as a global health challenge: stewardship, diagnostics and infection prevention

Chair: Alessandro Cassini (Switzerland)

14:10

Antibiotics as a global public good: access, stewardship, equity, innovation, One Health, and global governance

Adrian Brink (South Africa)

14:30

Principles and implementation of antimicrobial stewardship

Carlos R. V. Kiffer (Brazil)

14:50

Diagnostic microbiology stewardship in tackling AMR

Wadha Ahmed Alfouzan (Kuwait)

15:10

Infection prevention and control: a cornerstone of the response to AMR

Sonja Hansen (Germany)

15:30

From guidelines to practice: implementing integrated antimicrobial stewardship and infection prevention strategies

Constantinos Tsioutis (Cyprus)

15:50

Discussion

Invited to the discussion: Bih Awazi (Cameroon), Kasu Tola Bifa (Ethiopia)

SESSION III

Surgical infections in global health: integration, equity and future perspectives

Chair: Kemal Rasa (Turkey)

16:10

Building sustainable surgical capacity in low-resource settings

Lovenish Bains (India)

16:30

Preventing surgical site infections: a global health imperative

Sanjay Marwah (India)

16:50

Disparities in global surgery: how AMR widens the gap and how communities can help close it

Moses Isiagi (South Africa)

17:10

Discussion

Invited to the discussion: Elina Sor (Moldova), Igor Kryvoruchko (Ukraine)

SESSION IV

Integrated approaches to surgical infections: from source control to global responsibility

Chair

Fausto Catena (Italy)

17:25

Integrating infection prevention and control, antimicrobial stewardship and source control in surgical settings

Federico Coccolini (Italy)

17.45

Surgical infections: future challenges and perspectives

Robert Sawyer (United States of America)

18:05

Controlling AMR: an ethical imperative for all

Alberto R. Ferreres (Argentina)

18:25

Discussion

Invited to the discussion: Maria Enriqueta Barido Murguia (Mexico), Arda Isik (Turkey)

18:40

Addressing AMR through global collaboration to improve healthcare outcomes

Gabriel Levy Hara (Argentina)

19:00

Closing remarks

All times indicated in the programme are expressed in Central European Time (CET, UTC+1). Participants joining from different regions of the world are kindly advised to check the corresponding local time.
The webinar will be held online via Zoom. Participants can join the webinar directly through the following link:
Participation is free of charge and open to everyone; no registration fee is required.
Zoom link for registration:
https://advancedcongressi-it.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_PfwzVvPqQAyMwa5oHP9S9g

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