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U.S. Antibiotic Awareness Week is November 11-18, 2019

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This is a one-week observance that gives organizations and providers an opportunity to raise awareness on the appropriate use of antibiotics and reduce the threat of antibiotic resistance. The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has many tools for providers at <https://www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use/week/toolkit.html>. Posters, prescriptions pads, social media posts, patient education pieces, sticker and counter clings, and more can be found on the CDC website.

During U.S. Antibiotic Awareness Week and throughout the year, the CDC promotes *Be Antibiotics Aware*, an educational effort to raise awareness about the importance of safe antibiotic prescribing and use. *Be Antibiotics Aware* has resources to help health care professionals (in outpatient and inpatient settings) educate patients and families about antibiotic use and risks for potential side effects. For more information, visit: https://www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use/?s_cid=NCEZID-AntibioticUse-005.

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