

10 GOLDEN RULES FOR OPTIMAL ANTIBIOTIC USE IN HOSPITAL SETTINGS

- 1 **Enhancing infection prevention and control**
- 2 **Prescribing antibiotics when they are truly needed**
- 3 **Prescribing the appropriate antibiotic(s) at the right time**
- 4 **Administering antibiotics in adequate doses and routes**
- 5 **Initiating, as soon as possible, targeted treatment based on the results of culture and susceptibility testing**
- 6 **Using the shortest duration of antibiotics based on evidence**
- 7 **Achieving source control by identifying and eliminating the source of the infection or reducing the bacterial load**
- 8 **Supporting surveillance of HAIs and AMR, monitoring of antibiotic use, consumption, and the quality of prescribing**
- 9 **Educating staff and improving awareness**
- 10 **Supporting multidisciplinary ASPs and enhancing collaboration of healthcare professionals from various disciplines**