

Antimicrobial resistance from a patient perspective

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About EPF – European Patients’ Forum

Who we are

- Set up in 2003, based in Brussels
- Independent NGO
- Pan-European, cross-disease umbrella patient organisation

Our Vision

“All patients with chronic conditions in Europe have **equal** access to **high quality, patient-centred** health and related care.”

Our Mission

“to be the **collective, influential patient voice** in European health and related policies and a driving force to advance patient empowerment and patient access in Europe.”



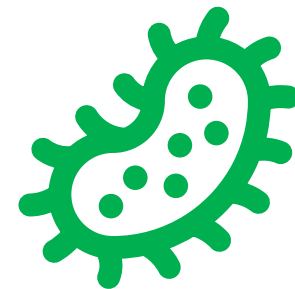
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The fight against AMR is **vital** for patients with chronic conditions

- Patients are particularly vulnerable to AMR
 - They spend more time in hospitals
 - They may need antibiotics before health care procedures to prevent or treat infections



Impact of COVID-19



Development and access to new antimicrobials



- Matter of equity



- Patient involvement in R&D is crucial

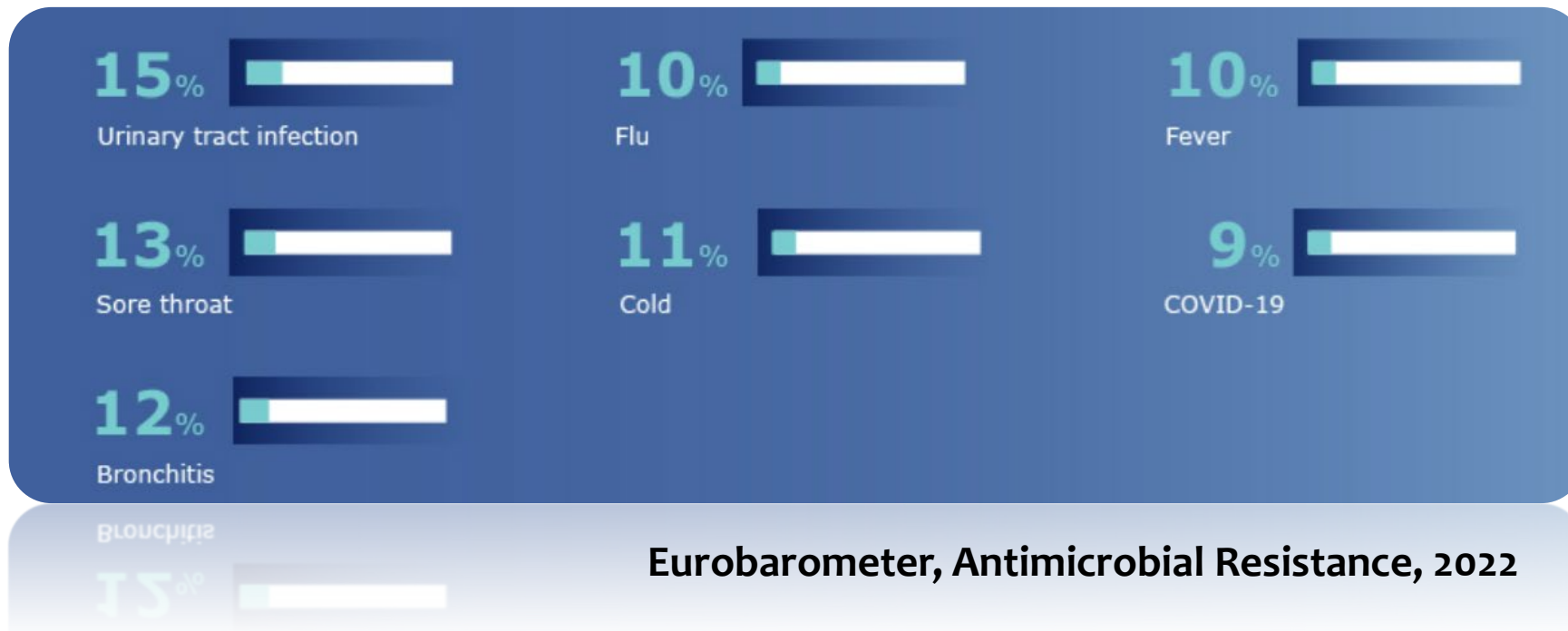


- Development of new antimicrobials should be available to patients

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The issue of health literacy

People are most likely to take antibiotics for:



Eurobarometer, Antimicrobial Resistance, 2022

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Health literacy is at the cornerstone of patient empowerment

- **Shared decision-making** reduces antibiotic prescribing
- **Patient involvement** in improving patient safety



Patient organisations have a role to play in the fight against AMR



1. Inform and educate the community about AMR



2. Promote the prudent use of antimicrobials



3. Improve patient safety (e.g., through campaigns)

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What EPF is doing

Policy and advocacy

- Advocacy for patient empowerment, including improved health literacy, and the involvement of patient organisations
- Work on the revision of the EU pharmaceutical legislation
 - Patient involvement, including in the development of the AMR awareness card
 - Incentives decoupling sale revenues from volumes

Collaboration

- Participating in various coalitions to join forces in the fight against AMR

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What EPF is doing

Raising awareness

- Raising awareness, informing our members, and encouraging them to act
- Sharing information tools and resources
- Supporting the annual European Antibiotic Awareness Day



Next year: **awareness-raising campaign**

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