Fighting antimicrobial resistance as a farmer

You have a key role in preserving the efficacy of antimicrobials worldwide. Find out the best decisions you can make to curb antimicrobial resistance every day.

My animals are not sick

**PREVENTION**
- But my neighbour has sick animals
  - I reinforce biosecurity and husbandry practices, such as:
    - I avoid visiting other farms
    - I disinfect vehicles and equipment
    - I wear protective clothing and footwear on the farm

**CONTROL**
- But some animals from my farm look unwell and may be sick
  - I isolate these animals to prevent the potential spread of diseases in my farm
  - I call the veterinarian to develop a risk assessment/diagnosis of the situation

My animal or animals are sick

**TREATMENT**
- I call the veterinarian
  - After examining my animals and performing lab tests if needed, the veterinarian makes a diagnosis and discusses the treatment options with me
  - I get a prescription
  - I buy the antimicrobials from an authorised source and do not ask my neighbour for them
  - I follow the instructions provided by the veterinarian on dosage, frequency of dosing and duration of treatment.
  - I comply with the withdrawal period to protect consumers and my family
  - I store or dispose of unused antimicrobials according to the manufacturer indications, and do not reuse them without veterinarian supervision

Non-antimicrobial options or alternatives to antimicrobials are applicable

Antimicrobials, such as antibiotics, are needed.

I keep records of what I have done/used and the animal(s) treated

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