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FAAST- Farmed Animal Antimicrobial Stewardship Veterinary Reference Manual

by ACER Consulting and Ontario Veterinary Medical Association

In Significant Impact Groups:

AMU reduction strategies \ Legislation and incentives Government

Species targeted: Pigs;Poultry;Dairy;Beef;Sheep;

Age: Not stated;

Summary:

The Canadian government has developed a One Health strategy to address AMR across the country.

Veterinarians are key to antimicrobial stewardship and are advised to use the 5 Rs:

Responsibility

Reduction

Refinement

Replacement

Review

There have been several policy changes in Canada in recent years (2018-2019) pertaining to the prescription and purchasing of antimicrobials due to the ease in which some antimicrobials were available without a prescription for purchase by animal owners. Animal owners will no longer be able to import medication for use on their own animals and they will need to purchase antimicrobials from a veterinarian/pharmacy/feed mill within Canada. Additionally, a valid VCPR (Vet-Client-Patient-Relationship) must be established prior to a veterinarian providing services to a client/their animal. Health Canada is also increasing its oversight of medically important antimicrobial Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs) for veterinary use, including their import/manufacture/distribution. The federal changes now require all importers/ manufacturers etc. of APIs for veterinary use to obtain a license, comply with industry guidelines and report sales to Government annually. Furthermore, there will no longer be growth promotion claims on drug products containing medically important antimicrobials (MIAs).

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