

# Antimicrobial resistance from a patient perspective

AMR One Health Network



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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.”



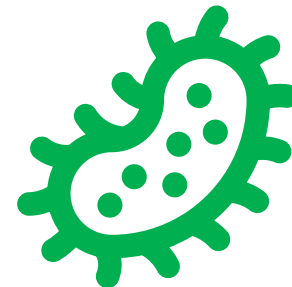
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# The fight against AMR is **vital** for patients with chronic conditions

- 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

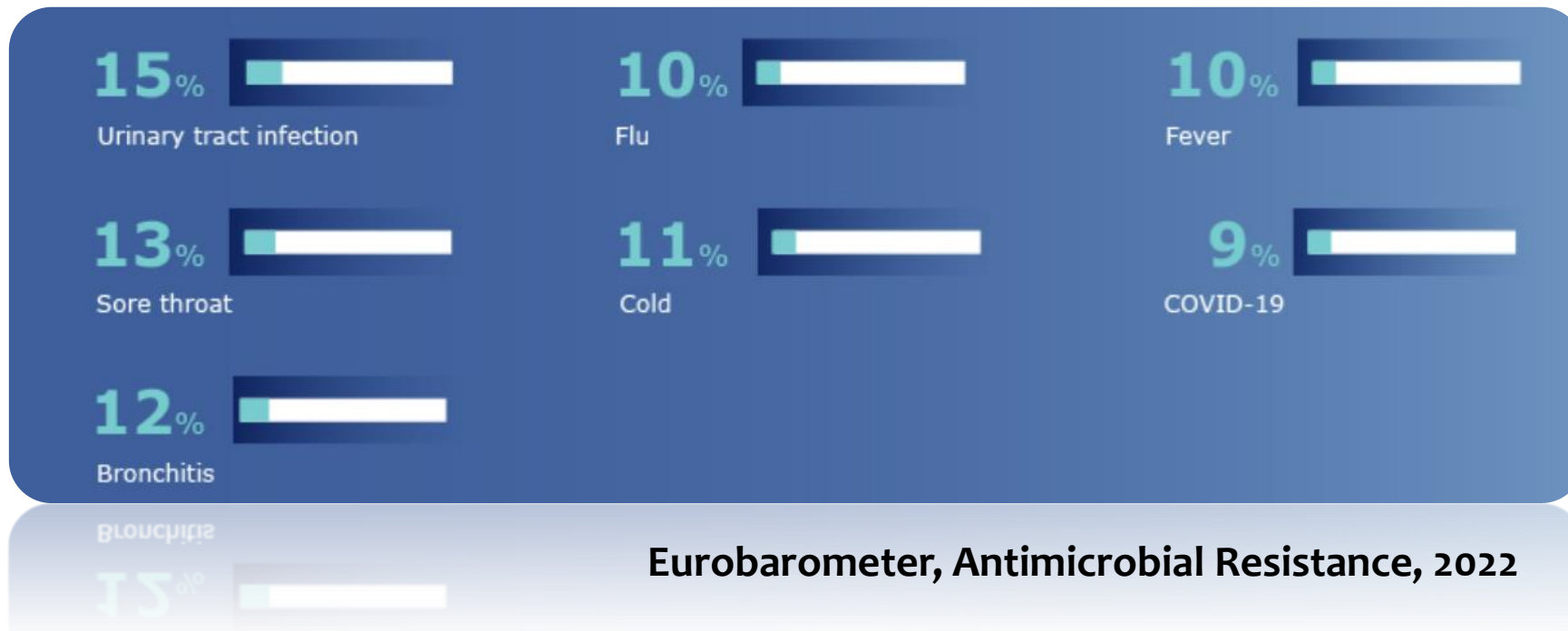


Impact of COVID-19



# Health literacy and AMR

People are most likely to take antibiotics for:



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# Patient empowerment and patient safety

- **Health literacy** is the cornerstone of patient empowerment
- **Shared decision-making** reduces antibiotic prescribing
- **Patient involvement** in patient safety



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# 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

## *Raising awareness*

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

## *Collaboration*

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

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# What EPF is doing

## *Policy and advocacy*

- Advocacy for patient empowerment, including improved health literacy
- 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



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