

Hygiene Guide for Veterinary Receptions

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- > A concrete protocol to provide practical assistance for the development of hygiene practices at veterinary receptions and for the prevention of the spread of antimicrobial resistance.
- > Special attention must be given to the treatment and handling of patients at risk, i.e. potential carriers of resistant bacterial strains and animal with contagious diseases.
- > This guide will help point out essential factors in the planning of hygiene protocols at different veterinary receptions.
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Abstract / Content

- > The improved level of hygiene at veterinary receptions can effectively prevent infections and the spread of antimicrobial resistance.
- > The identification of patients at risk, choosing the right treatment room and, treatment planning, are crucial to avoiding contamination of the facilities and the spread of infection transmitted by the hands of personnel, the environment and the implements used.
- > Daily hygiene procedures and normal precautions form the basis for preventing infections. These precautions must be taken with each and every patient and by every person at the reception.
- > Proper hand hygiene is the foundation of hygiene protocols. In addition, good hygiene protocols include aseptic technique, use of personal protection equipment, immediate cleaning of secretions, prevention of needle stick and cutting injuries and, maintaining reception tidiness and cleanliness.