



College of Veterinarians of British Columbia

Position Statement: Antimicrobial Stewardship¹

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Preamble

From time to time, a topic with particular importance to the safety of the public and relevance to the profession and to the practice of veterinary medicine in BC comes to the attention of the CVBC. With the international adoption of One Health principles and the recent Federal changes to the classifications of Medically-Important Antimicrobials, the key role of veterinarians in antimicrobial stewardship is being reinforced.

Position

The Council and the Continuing Competence Committee recognize the critical importance of antimicrobial stewardship to the safety of animals and to the public, and the responsibility of the veterinary profession to contribute to the international efforts to prevent further antimicrobial resistance. **Therefore, the College is strongly urging all registrants to seek out and engage in continuing education on Antimicrobial Stewardship as soon as possible.**

The Society of BC Veterinarians (SBCV) has also recognized the importance of this topic and has incorporated 2 hours of Antimicrobial Stewardship CE into each of the Spring Sessions it is hosting around the province, with plans underway for fall sessions. In conjunction with these efforts, the CVBC is contributing funding to the SBCV to support these lectures.

The Council anticipates a bylaw redraft which will enable this topic (or others) to be mandated in a given CE cycle.

¹ Council direction on January 25, 2019