1. Antibiotic-resistant bacteria in livestock and the environment have no impact on human health.
2. Human activity and antibiotic use have been the most important factors contributing to the issue of antimicrobial resistance today.
3. The impact of antimicrobial resistance at the global level, if left unchecked, has been estimated at several million deaths each year by the year 2050, with a financial cost equivalent to the 2008 financial crisis.
4. There is universal acceptance at the country level that action against antimicrobial resistance is critical and necessary.
5. There is ongoing and regularly updated global surveillance on the prevalence of antibiotic prescription and antibiotic-resistant bacteria in all countries.
6. Methicillin-resistant *Staphylococcus aureus* has now been identified in both the community setting and in animals in Singapore.
7. Extended-spectrum beta-lactamase-producing Enterobacteriaceae have not yet emerged as a cause of community-acquired infections in Singapore.
8. The antibiotic-resistant bacteria currently of greatest concern in Singapore hospitals is carbapenem-resistant Enterobacteriaceae.
9. The incidence of infections caused by carbapenem-resistant *Pseudomonas aeruginosa* (P. aeruginosa) has increased over the past few years in Singapore hospitals, with more than 30% of P. aeruginosa clinical isolates being resistant to carbapenems.
10. Vancomycin-resistant enterococci are currently the most prevalent antibiotic-resistant bacteria causing drug-resistant infections in Singapore.
11. The socioeconomic impact of antimicrobial resistance in Singapore has been calculated and is used to guide policies to control the issue here.
12. Better infection control policies, including good hand hygiene, are key to preventing the spread of antibiotic-resistant bacteria in the hospital setting.
13. Infection control programmes are mandated as part of hospital licensing for both public and private hospitals in Singapore.
14. Antibiotic stewardship programmes are mandated in Singapore hospitals as part of hospital licensing by the Ministry of Health.
15. The Singapore Food Agency (former the Agri-Food and Veterinary Authority of Singapore) reinforces good animal husbandry practices but does not routinely test livestock products for antibiotic-resistant bacteria.
16. Influenza and pneumococcal vaccinations may reduce antibiotic prescription at the population level.
17. Patients’ attitudes and expectations may influence physicians’ antibiotic prescription preferences, and represent an area where more efforts can be made to reduce antibiotic-seeking behaviour.
18. The use of computerised decision support systems to provide recommendations to physicians prescribing antibiotics has been universally accepted in Singapore hospitals.
19. Acceptance of antibiotic stewardship recommendations in Singapore public hospitals has generally been associated with positive patient outcomes.
20. Antibiotic stewardship programmes have significantly reduced the incidence of drug-resistant infections in Singapore hospitals.

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