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# **HCAI/AMR Newsletter May 2014: Drugs for bugs in long-term care residents: can we help prevent infection and optimise our antimicrobial prescribing?**

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## **Description**

This newsletter aims to highlight HCAI/AMR issues relevant to general practice.

In the European HALT survey conducted in 2010, the prevalence of antimicrobial use and prophylaxis in particular was high in Ireland. Residents in Irish long term care facilities are twice as likely to be on an antibiotic as their European counterparts. This article presents the results of the 2013 Halting Infections in Long-Term Care HALT study. Unfortunately, there are little signs of improvement. We can, should and need to do better.

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