



AMRIC key messaging accompanying issue 19 of green/red reports

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Appropriate antibiotic usage in the community is a key AMRIC action. With over 1.8 million views on the antibioticprescribing.ie website in the last year alone, the antibiotic prescribing guidelines are widely used in general practice referencing appropriate antibiotic recommendations. In support of this is the data on dispensed antibiotics. **Amoxicillin** and **augmentin** are the most commonly prescribed antibiotics averaging >300,000 prescriptions each year. The top 10 dispensed antibiotics on the GMS scheme in 2022 are **amoxicillin**, **augmentin**, **nitrofurantoin**, **cephalexin**, **doxycycline**, **flucloxacillin**, **clarithromycin**, **azithromycin**, **trimethoprim** and **phenoxymethylpenicillin**.

Green antibiotics make up 70% of these on the GMS scheme while the remaining 30% are red antibiotics.