Antimicrobial Prescribing principles

- Do not use antimicrobials for self-limiting disease
- Where you can, treat topically or locally
- Choose the narrowest spectrum effective agent available
- Use the latest resources to inform dose rate and frequency (Access guidelines here: [link])
- Treat for the shortest duration necessary
- If there is more than one effective agent available, choose the one with the lowest importance rating to human health (ASTAG rating in Australia: [link])