



CDC News Conference Antibiotic Resistance



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WHAT: Antibiotic resistance — one of the world's most pressing public health problems. Public officials and medical experts will discuss the need for appropriate antibiotic use and unveil CDC's *Get Smart: Know When Antibiotics Work* campaign.

WHEN: **Wednesday, September 17, 2003**
9:00 a.m., CT
Brief remarks followed by Q & A

WHERE: Interscience Conference on Antimicrobial Agents and Chemotherapy (ICAAC)
McCormick Place (2301 S. Lake Shore Dr.)
Lakeside Center Room E 270
Phone: (312) 791-7000

NOTES: A video on this subject will be fed via satellite at 2:00 p.m. The coordinates are as follows:
Telstar 6, C Band
Transponder 9
Dual audio 6.2/6.8

ICAAC Session of Special Interest: Dr. Karen Kiang's poster on "Changes in Knowledge and Decisions Among Primary Care Clinicians Regarding Antibiotic Use for Upper Respiratory Infections — Wisconsin versus Minnesota, 1999-2002" (Session 159, L-1602)

For more information about antibiotic resistance and the *Get Smart: Know When Antibiotics Work* campaign, please call (404) 371-5416 or visit www.cdc.gov/getsmart.

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