ANTIMICROBIAL USE IN ANIMALS – POSITION STATEMENT

June 30, 2009

Position
The CVMA recognizes the public health implications of antimicrobial use in veterinary medicine and takes the responsibility of protecting both animal and human health and welfare very seriously.

The CVMA supports and encourages all veterinarians to use antimicrobials prudently.

The veterinarian is in the best position to assess the benefit/risk ratio of antimicrobial use in animals. Veterinarians must explain to their clients the importance of prudent use of antimicrobials. Veterinarians must achieve a balance between maximizing animal health and welfare, minimizing bacterial resistance, and conserving antimicrobial efficacy.

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Joint Positions

• WVA Position on Responsible Use of Antimicrobials

• FVE – AVMA – CVMA Position of Judicious Use of Antimicrobials
CVMA Tools

- **Antimicrobial Prudent Use Guidelines** (2008)

- **Companion Animal Prudent Use Guidelines – Antimicrobial SmartVet** (2014)

- **Guidelines for the Legitimate use of Compounded Drugs in Veterinary Practice**

- **Therapeutic Decision Cascade for Animal Safety**
New Federal Regulations

- Own Use Importation
- Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients
- Removal of Growth Promotion Claims
- Increasing Veterinary Oversight
Veterinary Oversight of Antimicrobial Use
A Pan-Canadian Framework for Professional Standards for Veterinarians

Led by CVMA – Veterinary Pharmaceutical Stewardship Advisory Group in collaboration with Canadian Council of Veterinary Registrars (CCVR)

Focus: defining professional standards for all veterinarians regarding “Stewardship” and the legitimate process of providing “Oversight”

Objective: to provide a template of professional standards to be used by the Canadian provincial and territorial veterinary regulatory bodies when developing their own regulations, guidelines, or bylaws relating to the veterinarians professional responsibilities in providing oversight of the use of antimicrobials
Issues Addressed

- Common understanding of “Veterinary Client Patient Relationship (VCPR)
- Differentiating; Prescribing and Dispensing
- Transparency in prescribing and dispensing and the potential conflict of interest
- Extra Label Drug use by veterinarians
- Compounding of pharmaceuticals
- Use of Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients in veterinary practice
- Surveillance
- Continuing Education needs
Issues NOT addressed

• Distribution: the complexity and contradiction in provincial and federal legislation

• Oversight of distribution (feed and other routes of administration)

• Surveillance of antimicrobial use as well as resistance

• Improving public confidence

• Acceptance of principles of veterinary oversight by industry
Current Status and Next Steps

• **Status:**
  – Widely distributed to stakeholders prior to CVMA Summit July 7, 2016 in Niagara Falls where it was presented and discussed with stakeholders
  – Revision pending including executive summary (as of Nov 4)

• **Next:**
  – Validate the suggested standards of practice for veterinarians
  – Encourage implementation by provincial bodies
  – Begin to look at issues not addressed in framework
New CVMA Initiatives

Stewardship

• Renewal of Prudent Use Guidelines
  – GF2 proposal submitted July 2016 (review in progress and results pending)

• CVMA Communications:
  – E-messaging, Facebook, Twitter, Canadian Veterinary Journal
  – Focus on veterinary oversight issues, regulatory changes; food animals during 2016
  – Plan under development for 2017 but expect updates on regulatory changes, added focus on companion animals and minor species
  – Need to work towards common messaging with medical, public health communities, provincial regulatory bodies and veterinary associations, industry
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Surveillance

- **CVMA-CFIA Collaboration on AM Surveillance** (to March 2018)
  - Will build on outcomes of CAHSS AMU Surveillance workshop Oct 19 and 20 (focus on industry)
  - Need to consider integration with:
    - needs of AM Surveillance Task Force under the ADM Steering Committee;
    - OIE country assessment;
    - AAFC funded AMU Surveillance Roadmap project
  - Early engagement of stakeholders especially veterinary species groups, including aquatic, companion animals
  - Application under development (Nov 4)
Questions?