

## Surfactants can cause Resistance

Reducing the development of antibiotic resistant bacterial populations is no longer just an issue for hospitals. We all need to do what we can, because the same conditions that promote resistance operate not only in hospitals but in other environments as well.



### Microbiology 2023

Biological and synthetic surfactant exposure increases antimicrobial gene occurrence in a freshwater mixed microbial biofilm environment

Int. J. Environ. Res. Public Health 2023, Organic Compounds and Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria Behavior in Greywater Treated by a Constructed Wetland

Heliyon (2023)

Direct Environmental concentrations of surfactants as a trigger for climax of horizonal gene transfer of antibiotic resistance

Water Research Volume 236, 1 June 2023, 119944

Direct The structure of biodegradable surfactants shaped the microbial community, antimicrobial resistance, and potential for horizontal gene transfer

Environmental Science & Technology 2023 57 (20), 7645-7665 DOI: 10.1021/acs.est.2c08244 Quaternary Ammonium Compounds: A Chemical Class of Emerging Concern

Policy Recommendations - Immediately address the known threat of antimicrobial resistance. The medical field recommends that antibiotics be prescribed only when necessary and educate the public about proper use. Similar efforts to eliminate non-essential uses of antimicrobial QACs in consumer products are warranted. An example would be product labeling requirements such as

"To reduce the public health threat of antimicrobial resistance, use this product only when disinfection is necessary and not for general cleaning".

Manufacturers should also be discouraged from implying a health benefit of QAC use in coatings durable product treatments without supporting evidence that these treatments are effective in reducing the transmission of infectious diseases.

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The environmental dimensions of AMR include pollution from hospital and community wastewater, effluent from pharmaceutical production, run-off originating from plant and animal agriculture and other forms of waste and releases. These matrices may contain not only resistant microorganisms, but also antimicrobials, various pharmaceuticals, microplastics, metals and other chemicals, which all increase the risk of AMR in the environment. Polluted waterways, particularly those that have been polluted for some time, are likely to harbour microorganisms that increase AMR development and distribution in the environment. With increasing pollution and lack of management of sources of pollution, combined with AMR in clinical and hospital settings and agriculture, risks are increasing.





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