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MGP and Antibiotic Research UK working in partnership to fight antibiotic resistance

News Release

Programme means pharmacists can assist as antibiotics ambassadors

A pioneering partnership between the world's only superbugs battling charity and a major multimedia company, could see prescribers become pivotal players in the fight against deadly infections.

Antibiotic Research UK (**ANTRUK**) has teamed-up with **MGP**, to encourage doctors, nurse practitioners and prescribing pharmacists to dispense sound advice on when and how to take antibiotics. The union will also see the promotion of new patient support materials –

designed to give practitioners and their patients a better handle on superbugs such as MRSA.

ANTRUK, who run small grants programmes to fund research into alternatives to antibiotics and campaign to prevent bacterial infection, have long been searching for a partner to help them engage with what they believe are “ natural allies” within the healthcare system. And as publishers of some of the sector's most successful titles, MGP is exactly that crucial comrade they require, says Chief Executive, Professor Colin Garner.

“This collaboration will be effective at educating prescribers and reaching the public with important messages around antibiotic resistance” said Garner, “the fact that up to a third of antibiotic prescriptions are needless, means patients are being put in great peril. Plus, the public needs help understanding antibiotic resistance, so as not to demand antibiotics or indeed buy them from illicit sources. With over 20 years experience in promoting best practice in healthcare, MGP is going to be one powerful partner.”

The alliance will create:

- A survey of healthcare professionals asking what they really know about antibiotic prescribing and resistance
- Regular articles in MGP's publications such as “Guidelines”, on the latest advice on antibiotic prescribing
- Fundraising Great British Tea Party events to support research into alternatives to antibiotics
- ANTRUK representation at the forthcoming Guidelines event for medical practitioners, and for the first-time ever
- The promotion of online materials to support those treating or living with an antibiotic resistant infection

Concluded Colin Garner: “We will only beat antibiotic resistance which threatens to become the world's biggest health problem, through a whole societal approach. At the apex of that, is the medical profession. If they do not see the significance of antibiotic resistance or worse still ignore it, then we are in dire straits indeed. Should we win them over however, we have a strong voice joining with us to persuade government, the farming industry and big pharma to do their bit, too. That's what makes this a vital and potentially exciting partnership.”

Learn more about MGP at <https://www.mgp.co.uk/>

To join in ANTRUK's Great British Tea Party and raise funds to find alternative medications to our current antibiotics, visit <https://www.antibioticresearch.org.uk/support-us/great-british-tea-party/>

To donate to the charity, go to <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/2680#/DonationDetails>

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