



Animal Health Notes

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NEW TRAINING ON VETERINARY FEED DIRECTIVE (VFD) TO IMPROVE ANTIBIOTIC USE, COMBAT AR

The National Veterinary Accreditation Program (NVAP) now offers a new training for veterinarians: *Module 29 Veterinary Feed Directive*. A veterinary feed directive (VFD, or VFD order) is issued by a licensed veterinarian to authorize a client to obtain and use animal feed that contains antibiotics important in human medicine.

Combating Antibiotic Resistance (AR) by Improving Antibiotic Use in Food Animals

This training comes as new policies about antibiotic use in food animals went into effect Jan. 1, 2017. Under a Food and Drug Administration (FDA) [guidance](#) to address antibiotic resistance, antibiotics designated medically important to humans can no longer be given to healthy animals to speed their growth. Antibiotic producers agreed to change labels on affected products to remove indications for use related to growth promotion, and to bring the remaining therapeutic uses of these products under the oversight of a veterinarian by the end of December 2016. Affected antibiotics that are administered through drinking water will change status from over-the-counter to prescription, and antibiotics administered through medicated feed require a VFD.

Additional Information:

- [Antibiotic Resistance and Food Safety](#)
- [CDC's AR Solutions Initiative](#)
- [FDA's Guidance for Industry #213](#)
- [USDA's National Accreditation Veterinary Program](#)

Veterinarians: [Register here](#) for the free VFD training. NVAP worked with FDA's Center for Veterinary Medicine and Iowa State's Center for Food Safety and Public Health to create this training.

Upon completion, participants will be able to:

- describe the need for antibiotic stewardship in regard to antibiotic resistance (AR),
- understand the FDA's regulatory oversight of animal drugs, and
- recognize the classes and uses of antibiotics requiring a VFD.

AIB WELCOMES NEW STAFF VETERINARIAN DR. TAMMY ANDERSON

Dr. Tammy S. Anderson, a native of Bowdle, SD, attended SDSU and received a Bachelor of Animal Science before receiving her Doctor of Veterinary



Medicine at Iowa State University in 2000. Upon graduation, she joined Selby Veterinary Service in Selby, SD. In 2004, she started a practice in Bowdle, which consisted of primarily cow/calf medicine as well as some small animal, equine, bison, elk,

reindeer, camel and chiropractic medicine. Dr. Anderson has moved to Pierre with her husband, Mark of 22 years. They have 2 daughters, Elizabeth who is attending Dakota Wesleyan University for nursing and Rose who is a senior in high school.