



ACNE, ROSACEA, AND RELATED DISORDERS (INCLUDING HIDRADENITIS SUPPURATIVA)

## **ANTIBIOTICS SHOULD NO LONGER BE USED FOR ACNE / DISCUSSANT AGAINST**

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In the history of medicine antibiotics have been a very successful therapeutic option in curing disease. However the World Health Organization has declared in 2015 war on antibiotics because the threat of antibiotic resistance is an urgent crisis and jeopardizes the future effectiveness of antibiotics. Acne vulgaris is certainly a disease to focus on in relation to antibiotic resistance. This war on antibiotics however does not mean that we have to and that we can treat our acne patients without antibiotics. This appeal of the WHO invites us to prescribe antibiotics for acne in an appropriate way according to the guidelines. These guidelines provide clear recommendations for the judicious use of both oral and topical antibiotics. This prudent use permits dermatologists to continue to treat acne with antibiotics in a lot of cases in which antibiotics remain a cornerstone of the treatment.

