

# THE ANTIBIOTIC HUNTERS

**Increasing resistance to antibiotics has been called “the most pressing global health problem of our time”.**

**A new documentary travels to an ocean reef, a rainforest canopy, a frigid cave and even the mouth of a giant lizard – all in the urgent search for new antibiotics.**

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CBC-TV's *The Nature of Things*



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The world desperately needs new antibiotics. In Canada alone, as many as 12,000 people die every year from antibiotic-resistant bacteria. That's because we've used and abused current antibiotics until many have lost their effectiveness. With hundreds of millions of often unnecessary doses of the drugs prescribed every year worldwide, there are countless opportunities for bacteria to mutate and become resistant to them. Now, global health experts are predicting a post-antibiotic era, in which people will die of infections easily treated just a few years ago – unless we find more of these miracle drugs.

*The Antibiotic Hunters* follows drug researchers as they investigate the slimy green fur of sloths, the saliva of Komodo dragons, the blood of alligators, and the bacteria in British Columbia caves and on the ocean floor off the coast of Panama – all part of the urgent hunt to find the building blocks of new antibiotics.

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