



HOT TOPIC

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CDC STRESSES THE IMPORTANCE OF APPROPRIATE USE OF ANTIBIOTICS NOV. 12-18, 2018 IS U.S ANTIBIOTIC AWARENESS WEEK

Imagine yourself or a loved one sick in the hospital with a bacterial infection that doctors can't stop from spreading. This is an unfortunate reality for many people. According to the CDC, **more than 20,000 people die each year** in the U.S. from infections caused by antibiotic-resistant bacteria.

Antibiotic-resistant bacteria, or "superbugs", are largely caused by overuse and misuse of antibiotics. To raise awareness of the importance of appropriate antibiotic prescribing and about the concern of antibiotic resistance, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has developed the U.S. Antibiotic Awareness Week campaign to be held Nov. 12 through 18, Nov. 2018.

Do I really need antibiotics?



SAY YES TO ANTIBIOTICS

when needed for certain infections caused by **bacteria**.



SAY NO TO ANTIBIOTICS

for **viruses** such as colds and flu, or runny noses, even if the mucus is thick, yellow or green. Antibiotics also won't help for some common bacterial infections including most cases of bronchitis, many sinus infections, and some ear infections.



Antibiotics are only needed for treating certain infections caused by bacteria.

Antibiotics do not work on viruses.

To learn more about antibiotic prescribing and use, visit www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use.

