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Antibiotic FAQs

? Why might you need to take antibiotics?

Antibiotics are used for bacterial infections. If your health care provider determines you need antibiotics, take them exactly as they are prescribed.

? Do antibiotics work for viruses?

No, antibiotics only kill bacteria. They will not work on a virus like the flu or the common cold.

? Do antibiotics have side effects?

Antibiotics can have side effects such as:

- Rash
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Diarrhea
- Yeast infections

? What is antibiotic resistance?

- Antibiotic resistance is when bacteria are no longer killed by antibiotics.
- When bacteria become resistant it gets harder to find antibiotics to kill them.
- This can make it harder to treat people when they are sick, and this resistant bacteria can spread to other people.

Know that antibiotics are not always needed

Work with your health care provider to decide if antibiotics are right for you!



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