Antibiotics, used wisely, keep them effective tomorrow.



Appropriate use protects your health and that of others.



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GOOD PRACTICES

FOLLOW the prescribed treatment

Take the prescribed dose at the indicated times.

Complete the full course of the treatment, even if you feel better.

NEVER SHARE your antibiotics

They are prescribed for you and may not be suitable for others.

DO NOT KEEP your antibiotics

Do not keep them 'just in case'. Return any unused medicines to your pharmacy.

DO NOT THROW AWAY your antibiotics

Neither down the toilet nor in the bin. They can contaminate water and harm the environment. Take them back to your pharmacy.

If you experience any side effects or have any concerns, speak to your doctor or pharmacist.

WHEN ARE ANTIBIOTICS USEFUL?

EFFECTIVE AGAINST CERTAIN BACTERIAL INFECTIONS	NOT EFFECTIVE AGAINST VIRAL INFECTIONS
✓ Some bacterial infections	✗ The common cold
✓ Certain urinary tract infections	✗ The flu
✓ Certain bacterial cases of pneumonia	✗ Most cases of bronchitis
✓ Certain skin infections	✗ Most sore throats
	✗ Viral infections in general



Only a healthcare professional can determine whether an antibiotic is necessary.

WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

- The unnecessary use of antibiotics causes the development of resistant bacteria.
- Treatments become less effective and some infections are harder to treat.
- Antibiotics may no longer work when they are really needed.



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