



Antibiotics only fight bacterial infections



Antibiotics are life-saving drugs



Like all drugs, antibiotics can be harmful; only use when necessary



Antibiotics won't make your cold/flu better faster



Overuse can cause antibiotic resistance to bacteria

A Commitment to Our Patients

We are **DEDICATED** to prescribing antibiotics only when they are needed. We will avoid giving you antibiotics when they might do more harm than good.

How can you help?

- When you have a cough, sore throat or other illness, tell your doctor you only want an antibiotic if it is really necessary.
- If you are not prescribed an antibiotic, ask what you can do to feel better and get relief from your symptoms.

As your healthcare providers:

- We promise to provide the best possible treatment for your condition.
- If an antibiotic is not needed, we will explain this to you and will offer a treatment plan that will help.



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