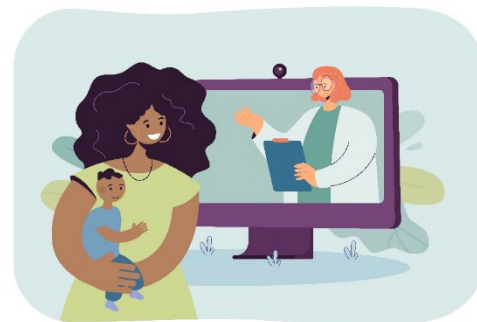


Communicating With Your Clinician Around Antibiotic Decisions



How Do I Know I Need or My Child Needs an Antibiotic?

- If you (or your child) have an infection caused by a virus, an antibiotic won't help but might make you (or your child) feel worse.
- If you (or your child) have an infection caused by bacteria, your (or your child's) clinician may prescribe an antibiotic. If so, take the antibiotic as directed.
- Ask your (or your child's) clinician what medicines you can safely take to help you feel better.

Why Might I (or my child) Not Need an Antibiotic?

- Viruses, not bacteria, cause colds and coughs. Antibiotics don't treat viruses.
- Antibiotics do not help a cough or a stuffy or runny nose go away faster.
- Antibiotics can cause side effects like diarrhea, rash, or allergic reactions—which can sometimes be serious.
- Every time you (or your child) take an antibiotic when you (or your child) do not need one, you increase the chances that common antibiotics won't work as well in the future.
- To practice better, safer medicine, your clinician will only prescribe antibiotics when necessary.

Help us help you and your child stay healthy!

Your and your child's clinicians are here to provide you the best care possible and keep you safe.

Please ask us questions!

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