

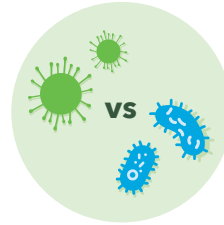
# How does your antibiotic prescription impact others?



**CONTACT YOUR DOCTOR** or healthcare professional if you have any questions or concerns immediately as they arise.



**ANTIBIOTICS SHOULD ONLY BE USED WHEN NEEDED.** Some infections can resolve without use of antibiotics.



Antibiotics are **NOT EFFECTIVE AGAINST VIRUSES** and should only be used to treat bacterial infections.



**ACKNOWLEDGE THE RISKS** when taking any medication.



Antibiotic resistance causes **23,000 DEATHS** per year in the United States alone ([CDC, 2020](#)).



Although antibiotics kill the bacteria causing the illness, they **CAN ALSO ELIMINATE SOME OF THE 'GOOD' BACTERIA** in your body.



**NEVER SHARE ANTIBIOTICS** and ensure they are stored safely away from children and pets.



If your doctor advises you not to continue your prescription for any reason, ask how you should **DISPOSE OF THE ANTIBIOTICS PROPERLY.**



**DO NOT 'SAVE' OR 'STORE' ANTIBIOTICS FOR LATER.** Take the full prescription as indicated. Be sure there is nothing left over.



**TAKE THE FULL PRESCRIPTION,** even after you start to feel better.



Only use antibiotics when **PRESCRIBED BY A CLINICIAN.**

