

WHAT ANTIBIOTICS CAN AND CAN'T TREAT

Know What's Got You Sick

COMMON CAUSE: BACTERIA



Strep Throat



Urinary Tract Infection (UTI)



Whooping Cough

ARE ANTIBIOTICS NEEDED?

YES

Requires physician diagnosis & prescription

COMMON CAUSE: BACTERIA OR VIRUS



Middle Ear Infection



Sinus Infection

ARE ANTIBIOTICS NEEDED?

MAYBE

Consult your physician

COMMON CAUSE: VIRUS



Common Cold/
Runny Nose



Flu



Acute Bronchitis/Chest Cold*
(in otherwise healthy children & adults)



Sore Throat
(except strep throat)

ARE ANTIBIOTICS NEEDED?

NO

Say **YES**

to antibiotics when needed for certain infections caused by **bacteria**.

Say **NO**

to antibiotics for **viruses**, such as colds and flu, or runny noses, even if the mucus is thick, yellow or green.

**Studies show that in otherwise healthy children and adults, antibiotics for bronchitis won't help you feel better.*

SOURCE:

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2018). **What You Can Do**. Available at: <https://www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use/community/about/can-do.html> [Accessed November 5, 2018].

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