

Resist bacterial resistance with correct antibiotic use



HOW do I take them?



PRESCRIPTION

You should **ALWAYS** take your antibiotics exactly as prescribed.^{1,2}

ALWAYS take **ALL** the pills that you've been given, even if you feel better before you finish them.²

DON'T miss a dose.

NEVER save them for later.^{1,2}

NEVER give them to someone else.¹

SIGNATURE

DATE

WHY is this important?



Antibiotics work by killing bacteria.^{3,4}

If you don't take your antibiotics properly, the bacteria may survive and become resistant to the medications.

If antibiotics are no longer effective, routine operations in hospitals will become increasingly dangerous or impossible, and more complications or deaths may occur.

Help to protect your family and friends with correct antibiotic use.³

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