WARNING: Antibiotics don't work for viruses like colds and the flu. Using them for viruses will **NOT** make you feel better or get back to work faster.

Antibiotics are strong medicines. Keep them that way. Prevent antibiotic resistance. Antibiotics don't fight viruses – they fight bacteria. Using antibiotics for viruses can put you at risk of getting a bacterial infection that is resistant to antibiotic treatment. Talk to your doctor or other healthcare provider about antibiotics, visit **www.cdc.gov/getsmart**, or call **1-888-246-2675** to learn more.

Taking antibiotics for viral infections such as a cold, a cough, or the flu will **NOT**:

- Cure the infection
- Keep other people from catching it
- Help you feel better

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