

Taking Your Antibiotics



**BE
ANTIBIOTICS
AWARE**
SMART USE, BEST CARE

You have just filled a prescription for antibiotics.

READ THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

- Take it exactly as your healthcare professional tells you.
- Do not skip doses.
- Do not share it with others.
- Do not save it for later. Talk to your pharmacist about safely discarding leftover medicines.

WHY IS THIS CHECKLIST SO IMPORTANT?

All medicines can have side effects. Antibiotics save lives, and when a patient needs antibiotics, the benefits outweigh the risks of side effects. You can protect yourself and others by learning when antibiotics are and are not needed.

If you have questions about your antibiotics, talk with your healthcare professional.

To learn more about antibiotic prescribing and use, visit www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use.

