



You have just filled a prescription for antibiotics.

## READ THIS IMPORTANT INFORMATION.

- Take it exactly as your healthcare professional tells you.

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- Do not skip doses.

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- Do not share it with others.

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- Do not save it for later. Talk to your pharmacist about safely discarding leftover medicines.

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## 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](http://www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use)**.

