When antibiotics are not needed, they won’t help you, and the side effects could cause harm. Ask your healthcare professional about the best way to treat your illness.

Antibiotics are responsible for almost **1 out of 5** emergency department visits for adverse drug events.

Antibiotics are **the most common cause** of emergency department visits for adverse drug events in children under 18 years of age.

To learn more about antibiotic prescribing and use, visit [www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use](http://www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use).