Improving Antibiotic Use to Combat Antibiotic Resistance

70% Necessary Prescriptions (Still need to improve drug selection, dose and duration)

At least 30% Unnecessary Prescriptions

In U.S. Doctor’s Offices and Emergency Departments

CDC is working to reduce unnecessary antibiotic use

White House National Action Plan to Combat Antibiotic-Resistant Bacteria (CARB)
Goal: By 2020, reduce inappropriate outpatient antibiotic use by 50%

Find out when antibiotics are necessary. Visit: http://www.cdc.gov/getsmart


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