

Information about antibiotics



An Easy Read guide about antibiotics





What is this leaflet for?

This leaflet is to help you understand more about your medicine.



What is the medicine called?

There are lots of different antibiotics.

The antibiotic you have been prescribed is

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What is it for?

People take an antibiotic if they have an infection.



Where do I get antibiotics from?

You can only get antibiotics from your doctor.



Be careful!

Tell your doctor if you are allergic to anything. Sometimes a rash or swelling of the face or mouth may be because of an allergy.

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines or if you are pregnant.



How do I take antibiotics?

Take them with a glass of water.

Take , times a day.

Space the doses evenly during the day.



Ask your pharmacist, doctor or nurse if you need to take your antibiotic with food.

If you think you may have taken too many, tell your carer straight away.



You should carry on taking your antibiotic even if you feel better until you have finished the course.

You need every dose to help fight the infection. If you stop taking the antibiotic early the infection might come back.



What are the side effects of antibiotics?

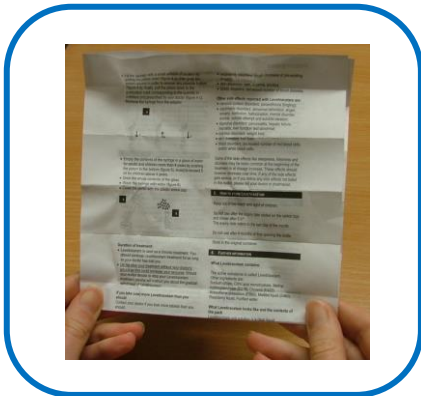
Side effects are the effects medicine can have on your body that are not wanted.

Not everybody taking antibiotics will get side effects.

Antibiotics can make you feel sick or have an upset stomach. If these don't settle you need to tell your doctor.



Stop taking the antibiotic and see a doctor straight away if you have problems breathing or your mouth or throat begin to swell or if you start suffering from a bad rash or itching after taking your antibiotic.



Where can I get more information?

This leaflet does not tell you everything about antibiotics.

You can find more information by reading the packet or the leaflet that comes with the medicine.



If you want more information about antibiotics you can ask your pharmacist, doctor, nurse

or



you can phone the Hospital Medicines Helpline on **01270 273221**



Hospital Medicines Helpline
Opening times

Monday to Friday

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
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10.00am – 3.00pm