

# Antibiotics are not always the answer.

*Taking antibiotics puts you at risk.  
Bacteria can change and become resistant.*

**Learn when they work.  
Learn how to use them.**

## ***Antibiotics:***

- 1 Don't work for viruses such as colds or the flu.**
- 2 Use only when you have a bacterial infection.**
- 3 Always finish your full prescription.**
- 4 Never share them or save them for later.**



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