

Bacteria are single-celled organisms that cause infections.

Medication used for the treatment of bacterial infections is called antibiotics.

Viruses are disease-causing microbes that have no metabolism of their own.

Antibiotics do not work against viruses.

Antibiotic resistance

Taking antibiotics when not needed or taking them not as prescribed can lead bacteria to become resistant to further treatment.

Acquired antimicrobial resistance causes antibiotics to become less effective or ineffective altogether.

Once resistant, bacteria survive and grow further even with antibiotics.

Antibiotic resistance is a threat to both persons taking antibiotics inappropriately and also those at risk of contracting the resistant bacteria later on.

Bear in mind that antibiotics;

do not get rid of fever, do not reduce pain, or do not treat infections caused by viruses

If overused and misused, antibiotics will lose their ability to kill bacteria.



Proper Use of Antibiotics

Take antibiotics as instructed by your physician and consult your pharmacist for clarification.

Even if you have started to feel better, do not stop taking antibiotics before the end of the treatment course indicated by your physician.

If you have symptoms such as sore throat, nasal congestion, difficulty swallowing, or coughing, first turn to your doctor rather than antibiotics.

1. Follow the instructions for dosage and course of treatment

Do not skip taking medication and stick to the prescribed dose.

2. Do not leave treatment early.

Once your treatment has started, make sure you complete the course as instructed even if you start feeling better. Completing the treatment is the only way to fully destroy the bacteria.

3. Do not save leftover medication for later.

Never take leftover antibiotics.



Infectious diseases can be treated fully with antibiotics taken properly.

If overused or misused, antibiotics lose their ability to treat the disease.

Infections caused by bacteria are difficult to treat and may lead to mortalities.

Proper use of antibiotics is essential for patient survival, prevention of complications and chronicity, and minimization of disease severity and duration.



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