Susceptibility Testing, Sensitivity Testing, Drug Resistance Testing

A caregiver may order a “culture and susceptibility test”. This tests finds the best antibiotic to cure infections.

PREVENTION

Most bacteria can become resistant to antibiotics. To prevent this, antibiotics should be taken only for bacterial infections. Antibiotics should **not** be taken for:

- Other illnesses.
- Viral infections.

THINGS THAT YOU CAN DO:

- **Do not ask your caregiver for an antibiotic when you do not need it**. For example when you or your child has a viral illness. Viral illnesses include the:
  - Common cold.
  - Flu.
- Take the full course of antibiotics as instructed.
- **Do not take leftover antibiotics.**

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT: http://www.labtestsonline.org/

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