Antibiotic Medication

Antibiotic medicine helps fight germs. Germs cause infections. They will not work for colds, flu or other viral infections. Take this medicine as directed by your doctor. Tell your doctor if you:

- Are allergic to any medicines.
- Are pregnant or are trying to get pregnant.
- Are taking any other medicines.
- Have other medical problems.

HOW TO TAKE THIS MEDICINE

- Take with a glass of water.
- Follow directions about taking the medicine with food or on an empty stomach.
- Take the medicine until it is gone. This is true even if you start to feel better.
- Try not to miss any doses. If you miss a dose, take it as soon as possible. If it is almost time for your next dose and your dosing schedule is:
  - 2 doses a day, take the missed dose and the next dose 5-6 hours later.
  - 3 or more doses a day, take the missed dose and the next dose 2-4 hours later, or double your next dose.
- Then go back to your normal schedule.
- **Do not** give your medicine to other people.

If you have any of the following side effects from the antibiotics, stop taking them and contact your doctor.

- Itching.
- New fever.
- Problems swallowing.
- Stomach pain.
- Very tired or weak.
- Dark urine.
- Skin rash.
- Blood in urine.
- Yellow eyes or skin.
- Throwing up.
- Hives.
- Aching or sore joints or muscles.
- Skin sunburns easily.
- Headache.
- Trouble breathing.
- Watery poop (*diarrhea*).
- Easy bruising or bleeding.
- Blood in stools or black stools.

Do not use your antibiotics in the future for a different infection.

GET HELP IF:

- You get worse.
- You do not get better within a few days.
- The antibiotics are making you sick (causing you to throw up or have diarrhea).
- You develop a rash or any of the other side effects after starting the antibiotics.
- You have any other questions or concerns.

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