



**Antibiotics:  
Will they work  
when you *really*  
need them?**

Antibiotics do not fight viral illnesses like colds. Taking antibiotics for colds can be harmful to your child's health — in fact, unnecessary antibiotics can make future infections harder to treat. Work with your child's healthcare provider to find the best treatment for your sick child.

## **Get Smart About Antibiotics Week**

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Get helpful tips on how to treat the symptoms of viral infections, and learn more about antibiotic resistance: please visit [www.cdc.gov/getsmart](http://www.cdc.gov/getsmart), or call 1-800-CDC-INFO.

