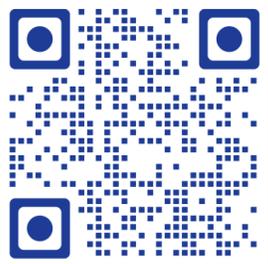


Antibiotic Safety



ARE ANTIBIOTICS ALWAYS NECESSARY?

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Assumption #1: Antibiotics will improve my child's illness

- Antibiotics are potent medications that help us treat bacterial infections. They do not work for viruses.
- Viral illnesses in children include: Colds, Hand Foot and Mouth Disease, most sore throats, and most rashes.

Assumption #2: Certain symptoms always = bacterial infections and antibiotics

- A runny nose with green/yellow mucous or sore throat doesn't automatically mean a bacterial infection
- Viruses can cause similar symptoms and do not require antibiotics

Assumption #3: Positive tests always = infection

- In certain situations, this may represent colonization or contamination- commonly seen in urine and strep tests.
- Just because your child tested positive it does not mean they actually have the illness- this represents a false positive.
- Your child's symptoms are taken into consideration before treating.
- We want to avoid over-testing, therefore your child may not require a test.

Assumption #4: Antibiotics are not harmful

- In children who go to the Emergency Department, for adverse reactions, antibiotics are the most common reason for the visit.
- Studies show that up to 1/3 of children received inappropriate antibiotics which increased their risk for adverse events and cost to you and the healthcare system.
- Just because a family member received antibiotics for their illness, it does not mean your child needs the same for theirs. Trust your healthcare provider.
- There is a risk when prescribing antibiotics, therefore risk and benefits should be taken into consideration.



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