

# AN ANTIBIOTIC IS THE WRONG TOOL TO TREAT A VIRUS.



## Make sure you use the right tool for the job.

Antibiotics save lives by treating certain infections caused by bacteria, not viruses like colds or flu. When they're not needed, antibiotics won't help you, and the side effects could still hurt you. Ask your doctor when an antibiotic is the right tool for your illness and when it's not.

To learn more about antibiotic prescribing and use, visit [www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use](http://www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use).

