

Antibiotics

- Only fight infections caused by bacteria
- Will NOT help you feel better if you have a viral infection such as:
 - A cold or runny nose
 - Bronchitis or a chest cold
 - Flu
- Can cause more harm than good, if you take them when you don't really need them:
 - You can get diarrhea, rashes or yeast infections
 - You might get an infection later that is harder to treat because it is resistant to antibiotics



As your health care provider, I am dedicated to prescribing antibiotics...

Susan E. Coffin, MD, MPH

HAI/AR Program Medical Director

Philadelphia Department of Public Health

...only when you need them