

















IS IT A BACTERIAL OR VIRAL INFECTION?



Feeling crummy? Find out what's causing it and whether antibiotics might help.

Condition	Cause	Antibiotics Needed?
Strep throat	 Bacteria	 <p>Yes. Antibiotics can only treat bacterial infections and may be prescribed by your healthcare provider.</p>
Whooping cough	 Bacteria	
Urinary Tract Infection	 Bacteria	
Sinus Infection	 Bacteria or Virus 	 <p>Maybe. Your provider can tell if an antibiotic will help.</p>
Middle Ear Infection	 Bacteria or Virus 	
Bronchitis/Chest Cold (in otherwise healthy children and adults)*	 Bacteria or Virus 	 <p>No. Bronchitis is rarely caused by bacteria.</p>
Common Cold/Runny Nose	 Virus	 <p>No. Viral infections won't respond to antibiotics. Ask your provider how to treat your symptoms.</p>
Sore Throat (except strep)	 Virus	
Flu	 Virus	

Antibiotics are a great tool against bacterial infection. But the practice of overprescribing antibiotics when inappropriate or unnecessary is leading to antibiotic resistance -- when bacteria change and don't respond to treatment. At Animas Urgent Care, we urge our providers and patients to use antibiotics wisely.

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