

Information about

Medication

Antibiotics

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Why have I been given this medication?

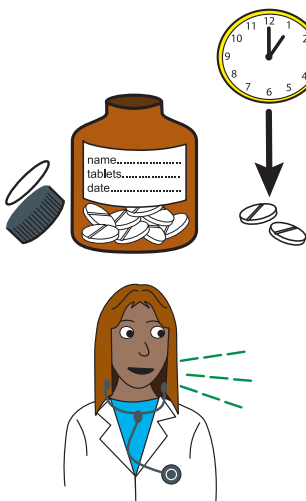


This medication is to treat infections caused by bacteria.

There are different kinds of antibiotics for different kinds of infections.

Not all antibiotics are taken by mouth as a tablet, capsule or liquid. Some are applied as a cream to the infected part of the body.

When do I take my medication?



? Your doctor will tell you when to take your medication.

Different kinds of antibiotics are taken in different ways.

Some are taken with food and some should be taken without food.

You should take your medication the way the doctor says. If you do not take them the right way they might not work.

When will I feel better?



How long it takes to get better depends on the infection you have and how bad it is.

It is important you take the full course of antibiotics even if you feel better.

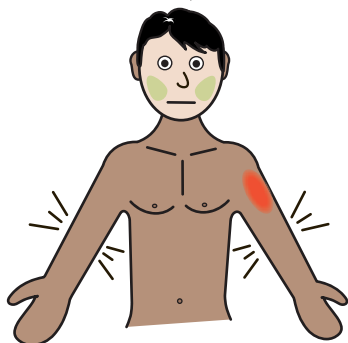
Will there be side effects?



Some people will have side effects from their medication. Most side effects are not serious.

They may cause;

- an upset stomach
- make your skin sensitive to sunlight
- produce an itchy rash

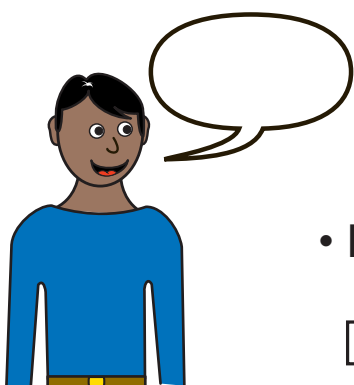


You should tell your doctor if you have;

- bad stomach cramps
- are sick
- get white patches on your tongue or inside your mouth
- feel short of breath

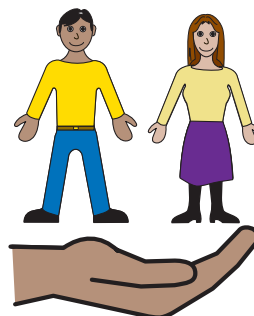
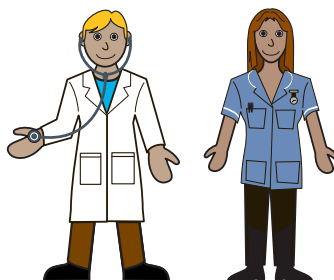
Other medicines you take might not work as well if you take antibiotics. Your doctor can tell you about this.

Who do I speak to if I have problems?



If you have any problems with your medication you should tell your

- Pharmacist
- Nurse
- Doctor
- Carer.





If you want more information about your medication ask your **pharmacist**



or you could ask your **doctor or nurse**



You can get information and advice about your health by calling 111 In Wales this number joins up two services NHS Direct Wales & The GP Out of Hours Service



Or visiting the NHS Choices website at **www.nhs.uk**

