

Should you take antibiotics for bronchitis?

- Most cases of **bronchitis or bronchiolitis are caused by viruses.**
- **Antibiotics are not effective against viruses.**
- **Children should not be routinely treated with antibiotics.**
- **An improper use of antibiotics increases antimicrobial resistance.**



7 out of 10 people

feel better in 1-2 weeks whether or not they use antibiotics



2 out of 10 people

experience side effects when using antibiotics

What can you do instead of taking antibiotics?

- ✓ Take fever or pain relief.
- ✓ Drink more water and infusions.
- ✓ Wash your hands.
- ✓ Rest properly.



When should you see a doctor?

- ✓ Cough not improving or lasting more than 3 weeks.
- ✓ New or worsening symptoms.
- ✓ New or persistent fever.
- ✓ Patients with lung or heart disease, immunosuppression or with severe comorbidity.

