

# Antibiotic resistance. What can you do?

Antibiotic resistance occurs when bacteria change and become resistant to antibiotics that are used to treat infections caused by these bacteria.

## What can you do?

- 1 Use antibiotics **only when prescribed by your doctor.**



- 2 When taking antibiotics, take the **complete prescription** even if the symptoms improve beforehand.



- 3 Do not forget that they are **not effective against colds and the flu.**



- 4 Never use **leftover antibiotics** from another treatment.



- 5 Never **share** antibiotics with others.



- 6 You can prevent infections by **washing your hands frequently, avoiding contact with sick people and keeping your vaccines up-to-date.**



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