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Antibiotic-resistant
related deaths

In the U.S. per year, according to CDC.gov



What causes antibiotic resistance?

- All antibiotic use leads to resistance.
- Antibiotic overuse and inappropriate prescribing are a particular problem.

Antibiotic Resistance

The ability of bacteria to resist the effects of an antibiotic, making infections untreatable.

2.8 mil

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What is inappropriate antibiotic prescribing?



Antibiotics...

- are effective in treating bacterial infections like strep throat.
- do not help treat viral infections like the common cold.
- **prescribed for viral infections are considered inappropriate.**



What can I do to slow down resistance?

- **Appropriate antibiotic use is a shared responsibility.**
- When discussing antibiotics with your doctor, ask if that is the best treatment option.
- **Take antibiotics as prescribed.**



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Medication-related visits to the emergency department are from reactions to antibiotics, according to CDC.gov.

Possible antibiotic side effects:

- Rash
- Nausea
- Appetite loss
- Fungal vaginal infections
- Difficulty breathing, facial swelling
- Bloody diarrhea
- Stomach cramps
- Yeast infection in mouth or vagina

This infographic is meant to help patients understand antibiotic resistance and why antibiotics are not always the best option for treating infections. If you have any questions, contact your primary care provider.

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