

ANTIBIOTICS

HOW MUCH DO YOU KNOW? TRY OUR PATIENT QUIZ

The antibiotics my GP gave me have made me feel much better, but I still have some left to take...should I...

- A. Throw the rest away as I feel better already and don't need them.
- B. Take all of the course as prescribed.
- C. Save them in case I need antibiotics sometime in the future.

Your Answer

2. If ever I get a cough, cold or sore throat, surely all I need is a dose of antibiotics to clear it up. This is...

- A. Correct. Antibiotics will usually sort any of these out.
- B. Partly correct, but antibiotics will not get rid of a cold.
- C. Wrong. Antibiotics don't work for colds, most coughs and sore throats.

Your Answer

3. My GP wouldn't prescribe me antibiotics even though I know that's what I need. I think it's because they want to save money. This is...

- A. Correct. GPs need to find ways of reducing costs.
- B. Wrong. GPs will only prescribe antibiotics when they are needed.
- C. Partly correct. I've had antibiotics in the past and always used to get them from my GP, so why not now.

Your Answer

4. My GP has only given me a short prescription of antibiotics but I think I need them for longer. Should I...

- A. Take the antibiotics as prescribed – or they may not clear the infection.
- B. Take one less a day than prescribed, to make them last longer.
- C. Use some of my friends antibiotics as they didn't use all the ones they were given last year.

Your Answer

5. There are a lot of colds going around at the moment but I've been told taking antibiotics 'just in case' can drive up antibiotic resistance. This is...

- A. Correct. Taking antibiotics when you don't need to will allow bacteria to develop a resistance to the antibiotic.
- B. Wrong. Taking antibiotics will help build up your defences and stop you getting a cold in the first place.
- C. Wrong. Antibiotic resistance is only something elderly people get.

Your Answer