



When to Treat with Antibiotics

What are Antibiotics?

Medicines that fight infections caused by bacteria in humans and animals by either killing the bacteria or making it difficult for the bacteria to grow and multiply.

Bacteria or Virus?

Condition	Bacteria	Virus	Antibiotics?
Strep Throat	✓		Yes
Pneumonia	✓	✓	Only if bacterial
Influenza		✓	No
Covid -19		✓	No
Common Cold		✓	No

Antimicrobial Resistance

Occurs when antibiotics are used when they're not needed, like for viral infections, causing bacteria to become stronger and harder to treat in the future.