

# Our Commitment to Using Antibiotics Wisely

We are dedicated to providing all of our residents with the best treatments. Antibiotics are prescribed only when they are truly needed.

## Antibiotics must be used with care.

Side effects can range from uncomfortable to potentially serious conditions, including skin rashes, diarrhea, and yeast infections.

Some infections are becoming harder to treat because bacteria are building resistance to current medications. Widespread use of antibiotics makes these “super bugs” stronger.

## Antibiotics only fight infections caused by **bacteria**.

Antibiotics do not work against **viruses** which cause the common cold, most coughs, and most sore throats.

Taking antibiotics for viral infections:

- Will not ease symptoms
- Is a waste of money
- Will not get rid of the infection
- May cause side effects

***If you have any questions about the care you are receiving, or want more information about your family member’s treatment, please talk to:***

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