



Information about



# Medication

## Antibiotics

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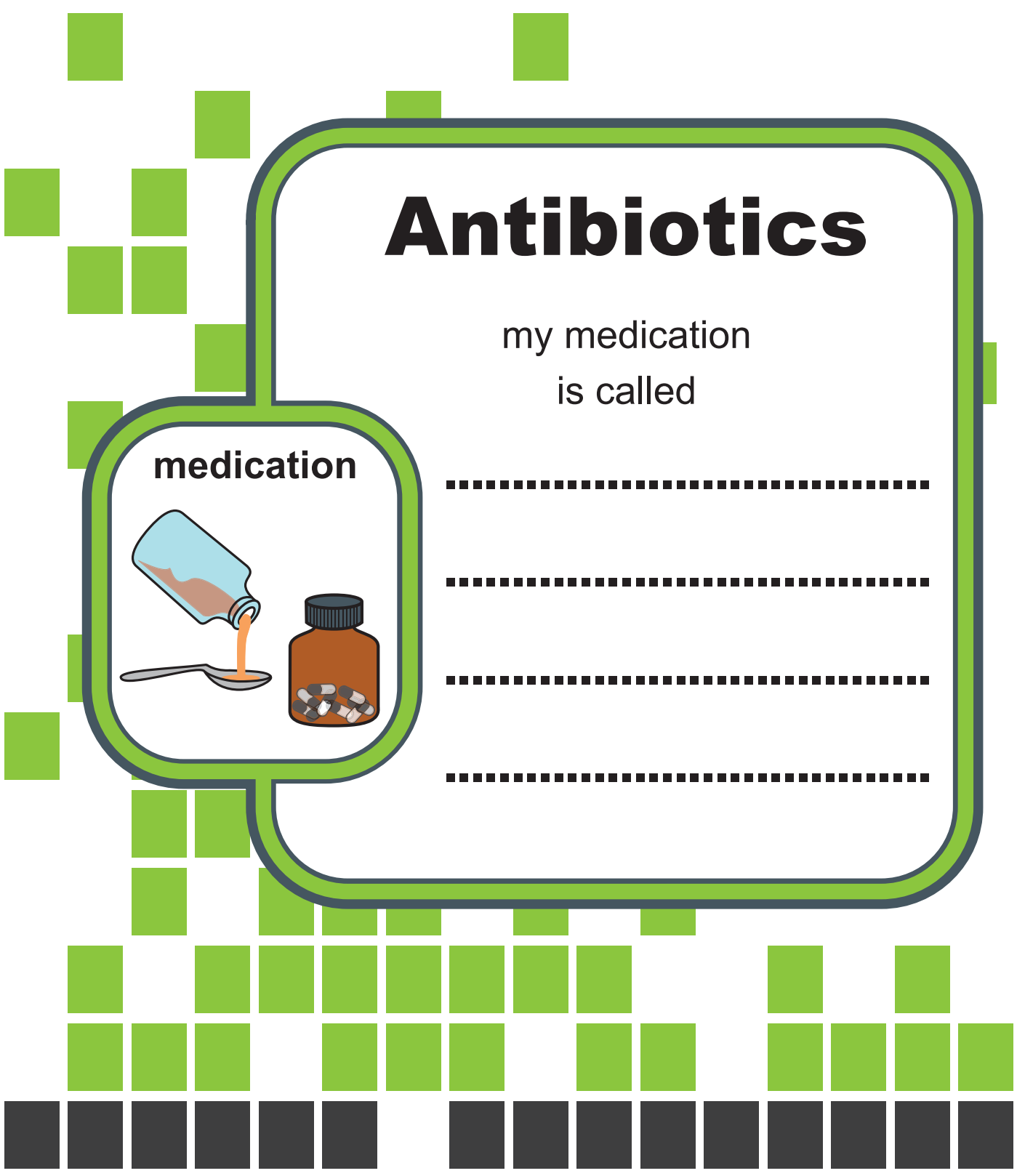


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## Why have I been given this medication?



This medication is to treat infections caused by bacteria.



There are different kinds of antibiotics for different kinds of infections.

Antibiotics do not help colds and coughs as these are caused by viruses.

## When do I take my medication?



Your doctor will tell you when to take your medication.



Different kinds of antibiotics are taken in different ways.

Some are taken with food and some should be taken without food.



You should to take your medication the way the doctor says. If you do not take them in the right way they might not work as well.

## When will I feel better?



How long it takes to get better depends on the infection you have and how bad it is.

It is important you take the full course of antibiotics even if you feel better.

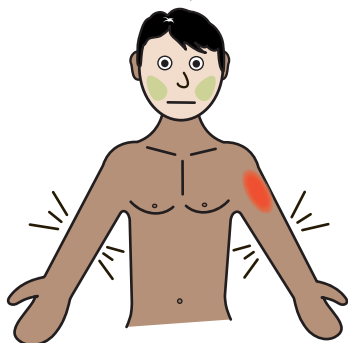
## Will there be side effects?



Some people will have side effects from their medication. Most side effects are not serious.

They may cause;

- an upset stomach
- make your skin sensitive to sunlight
- development an itchy rash

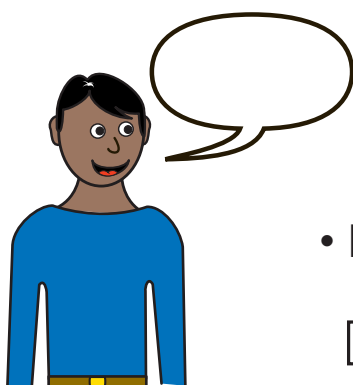


You should tell your doctor if you have;

- bad stomach cramps
- are sick
- get white patches on your tongue
- feel short of breath

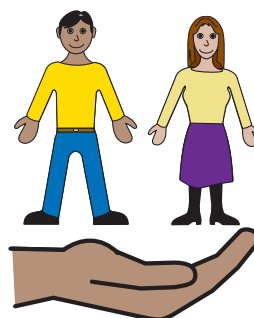
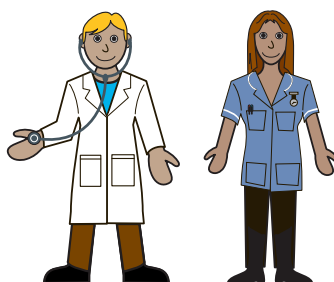
Other medicines you take might not work as well if you take antibiotics. Your doctor can tell you about this.

## Who do I speak to if I have problems?



If you have any problems with your medication you should tell your

- Pharmacist
- Nurse
- Doctor
- Carer.





If you want more information about your medication ask your **pharmacist**



or you could ask your **doctor or nurse**



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