ANTIBIOTICS DON'T WORK ON VIRUSES



When You Need Antibiotics:

- Strep throat
- Urinary tract infections
- Whooping cough
- Some pneumonia

When You Don't:

- Colds
- Flu
- COVID-19
- RSV
- Most sore throats, coughs, and runny noses

Ask your doctor:

- Is this viral or bacterial?
- Do I really need antibiotics?
- How can I treat the symptoms while my body heals?

Misusing antibiotics can cause side effects and antibiotic resistance. **PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR COMMUNITY.**
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