



**Antibiotics:
Will they work
when you *really*
need them?**

Antibiotics do not fight viral illnesses like colds. Taking antibiotics for colds can be harmful to your child's health — in fact, unnecessary antibiotics can make future infections harder to treat. Work with your child's healthcare provider to find the best treatment for your sick child.

Get Smart About Antibiotics Week October 6–10, 2008

Get helpful tips on how to treat the symptoms of viral infections, and learn more about antibiotic resistance: please visit www.cdc.gov/getsmart, or call 1-800-CDC-INFO.

