Antibiotics

- Only fight infections caused by bacteria
- Will NOT help you feel better if you have a viral infection such as:
  - A cold or runny nose
  - Bronchitis or a chest cold
  - Flu
- Can cause more harm than good, if you take them when you don’t really need them:
  - You can get diarrhea, rashes or yeast infections
  - You might get an infection later that is harder to treat because it is resistant to antibiotics

As your health care provider, I am dedicated to prescribing antibiotics...

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...only when you need them