

CONVERSATION STARTERS/COPY FOR POCKET GUIDE TESTING IN R2 (HCPs only)

OVERVIEW (FOR INTERNAL REFERENCE)

Before showing these statements to HCP IDI participants, the moderator will say something to the effect of, “I’m about to show you a series of statements. These are statements that a health care provider, like yourself, might say during a conversation with patients, while talking to them about why you wouldn’t prescribe an antibiotic when it isn’t needed. You are welcome to respond to everything here, but we are mainly interested in your reaction to the sentences in bold font.”

The moderator then shows all the statements and asks the testing questions.

STATEMENTS

1. Antibiotics don’t work on viral infections, so I’m not going to prescribe them for you today. **Even if I prescribed them for you, antibiotics wouldn’t help you get well. In fact, when they aren’t needed, antibiotics do more harm than good.** Instead, here are some things you can do...
2. **I really think you will be better in a few days—in the meantime, let’s see if we can help you feel better now while the virus makes its way out of your system. Let’s try...** [Rest, extra liquids, etc.]
3. Your infection is caused by a virus, and antibiotics don’t work on viral infections. **The good news is that your body [or immune system] will be able to fight off this virus in a few days. Let’s talk about what can help you feel better now while your body is healing...**
4. **There are some things you can do right now to help you feel better, including...** [Rest, extra liquids, etc.]. **You should be better soon.**
5. **I’m not writing you a prescription for antibiotics today, and that might not be what you expected.** But you have a virus, and antibiotics don’t treat viruses. Instead, I am going to give you..., **which is the best way to treat your illness.**
6. **You may have been prescribed an antibiotic for [this condition] in the past. But here’s why I’m recommending something different today...** [You have a virus. Antibiotics don’t work on viral infections.]