



A Commitment to Our Residents About Antibiotics

Our residents' health is our priority. As healthcare providers, we promise to provide our residents with the best quality care.

Antibiotics save lives, but can be harmful and should only be used when necessary. Side effects from antibiotics could include a skin rash, diarrhea, a yeast infection, or worse.

Antibiotics only fight infections caused by **bacteria**. Antibiotics don't work against **viruses** which cause the common cold, most coughs and sore throats.

Using antibiotics also gives bacteria a chance to become more resistant to them. This can make future infections harder to treat. It means that antibiotics might not work when our residents really do need them.

We will answer any questions about the role of antibiotics in the treatment of our residents. We are **dedicated** to prescribing antibiotics when they are needed, and we will avoid prescribing antibiotics when they might do more harm than good.

Sincerely,

To learn more about appropriate antibiotic prescribing and use, visit www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use.



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