









### PATIENTS: BE ANTIBIOTICS AWARE

#### **√**DO

- Maintain good oral hygiene to prevent infections
- Seek immediate care for dental pain or swelling
- √ Take antibiotics exactly as prescribed

# X DON'T

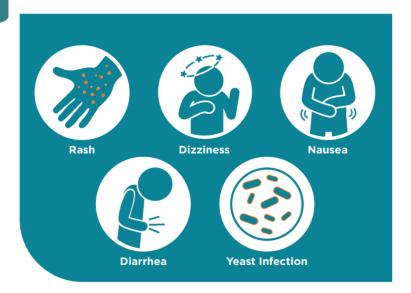
- Forget to schedule routine dental exams
- X Take antibiotics unless your dentist says it's necessary
- X Save antibiotics for future use

## Antibiotic Resistance<sup>1</sup>

- Antibiotic resistance occurs when bacteria develop the ability to defeat antibiotics
- Resistant bacteria multiply and make infections harder to treat
- Resistant bacteria can spread to others

## Antibiotic Facts<sup>1</sup>

- Antibiotics can treat infections caused by bacteria
- Not all toothaches or dental pain will improve with antibiotics
- Antibiotics can cause side effects such as rashes, nausea, and diarrhea
- Your dentist will determine if an antibiotic is necessary





**1.** Antibiotic Stewardship Resource Bundles. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Updated September 11, 2023. Accessed October 30, 2023. https://www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use/pdfs/AU-Dental-Trifold-Brochure-P.pdf



