



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

✗ DON'T

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

Antibiotic Resistance¹

- 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 Facts¹

- 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>