

# ANTIBIOTIC ACTION

## WHY ANTIBIOTICS ARE IMPORTANT FOR... **CANCER PATIENTS**

People who undergo cancer treatments have a greater chance of getting an infection, so antibiotics are an essential part of treating cancer patients.

The spread of **drug-resistant bacteria** is reducing the ability to control infections in cancer patients.

Despite improvements in modern cancer treatments, this means that more cancer patients could die: not from their cancer but from infections.

**It is vital that we preserve our precious antibiotic resources by only using them when needed.**

**We can all play our part in reducing the spread of resistance by using antibiotics wisely.**

**Don't** ask and **don't expect antibiotics** for colds, sore throats or flu – these are caused by viruses so antibiotics don't work.

**Only** take antibiotics given to you by your doctor and EXACTLY as written on the bottle: take them at the times directed and **always complete the full course.**

**Never** give your antibiotics to other people.

For you. Your friends.

Your family. Young or old.

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