

ANTIBIOTIC ACTION

WHY ANTIBIOTICS ARE IMPORTANT FOR... DIABETES PATIENTS

People with diabetes have a greater chance of getting an infection, so antibiotics are an essential part of living with the disease.

The spread of **drug-resistant bacteria** is reducing the ability to control infections in people with diabetes.

Despite improvements in modern treatments, this means that more diabetes patients could suffer pain, longer hospital stays and life-threatening complications 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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