

ANTIBIOTIC ACTION

WHY ANTIBIOTICS ARE IMPORTANT FOR... **PRE-TERM BABIES**

Pre-term babies have a greater chance of getting severe infections. These can lead to complications, brain damage, and even death, so antibiotics are an essential part of caring for pre-term babies.

The spread of **drug-resistant bacteria** is reducing the ability to control infections in pre-term babies.

Despite improvements in modern medicine, this means that more of these babies will suffer long-term disabilities or even death: not because they are pre-term, but because of 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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