

WHY HAS MY DENTIST NOT PRESCRIBED ANTIBIOTICS?

Antibiotics do not cure toothache. Your dentist will usually suggest clinical treatment to solve your dental problem rather than give you antibiotics. This will work more swiftly to reduce your pain.

There are rare dental infections that require urgent hospital treatment. Contact your dentist or doctor immediately if you have a fever and/or a rapidly increasing swelling.



IF YOU ARE PRESCRIBED ANTIBIOTICS

- **Do take your antibiotics exactly according your dentist's prescription. The right doses for the right length of time.**
- **Do not skip doses.** If you forget to take your antibiotics, it has negative effects on your recovery.
- **Do not share antibiotics prescribed for you with others.**
- **Please return partially used packs to your pharmacist.** Do not dispose of partially used packs with your household waste.
- **Do not keep antibiotics to cure other illness**

What you need to know about antibiotics

Antibiotics are medicines used to treat bacterial infections in humans and animals. Different diseases require specific antibiotics.

Antibiotics are only effective in treating bacterial infections. Antibiotics do not work for viral infections (such as flu or colds). Incorrect and overuse of antibiotics is increasingly making bacteria resistant to antibiotics. When this happens, treatment of an infection by antibiotics is not always successful.

At least 700,000 people die each year due to drug-resistant diseases. When we need antibiotics, we need them to work.

