



## OUR COMMITMENT TO Improving Antibiotic Use

Our hospital is committed to using antibiotics responsibly. We support the CDC's Be Antibiotics Aware campaign. By doing so, **we will avoid giving you antibiotics if they may do more harm than good.** Antibiotics fight infections caused by bacteria. Antibiotics don't work against **viruses.**

Antibiotics can cause unwanted side effects. Common side effects could include a **skin rash, diarrhea, or a yeast infection.** More serious side effects could include a **C. diff infection,** which causes severe diarrhea that can lead to severe colon damage and death.

Using antibiotics when they are not needed also gives bacteria a chance to become more resistant to them. This can make future infections harder to treat, which means that antibiotics might not work when you really do need them.

We are committed to only using antibiotics that are necessary for your treatment. Your health and treatment plan are important to us.

**Sincerely,**

