



## A Commitment to Our Residents About Antibiotics

Our residents health is a priority. We promise to provide our residents with the best quality care. Antibiotics **save** lives, but can be **harmful** and should only be used when necessary. Side effects from antibiotics include **skin rash, diarrhea, yeast infection, or worse.**

Antibiotics only fight infections caused by **bacteria**. Antibiotics won't work against **viruses** which cause the common cold, most coughs, and sore throats. Potential harms to unnecessary use of antibiotics include **adverse drug events, drug interactions, infections from antibiotic resistant bacteria, and C. difficile (C. diff) infection.**

We will answer any questions about the role of antibiotics in the treatment of our residents. We are **dedicated** to prescribing antibiotics when they are needed, and we will avoid prescribing antibiotics when they might do more harm than good.

*"I am a C. diff survivor...fighting a C. diff infection can be exhausting on so many levels...it is a physically, mentally, and financially debilitating infection...we need to get smart about taking antibiotics only when really needed"*

*-Nancy Caralle, C. difficile survivor,*

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To learn more about appropriate antibiotic prescribing and use, visit [www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use](http://www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use).



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