

Viruses or Bacteria

What's got you sick?

Illness	Viruses	Bacteria	Antibiotic Needed
Cold/Runny Nose	✓		No
Bronchitis/Chest Cold (in otherwise healthy children and adults)	✓		No
Whooping Cough		✓	Yes
Flu	✓		No
Strep Throat		✓	Yes
Sore Throat (except strep)	✓		No
Fluid in the Middle Ear (Otitis Media with Effusion)	✓		No
Urinary Tract Infection		✓	Yes

Antibiotics may not always be the answer!

Information from: www.cdc.gov/getsmart