

Poll Questions

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Antibiotic Use and Concerns

Questions were answered by respondents age 50-80.



Q1. In the past two years, have you filled a prescription for oral antibiotics for yourself?

1. Yes
2. No

If Q1 = Yes

Q2. Why were you prescribed antibiotics?

1. Respiratory infection (such as pneumonia, bronchitis, sinus infection)
2. Urinary tract infection
3. Skin infection
4. Dental infection
5. Other

If Q1 = Yes

Q3. The last time you took antibiotics, did you have any medication leftover?

1. Yes
2. No

If Q3 = Yes

Q4. Why did you have antibiotics leftover?

Select all that apply

1. Stopped taking because I felt better
2. Stopped taking because of side effects
3. Stopped taking because they didn't help
4. Forgot to take all of them/skipped some doses
5. I was given more than I needed
6. Other

If Q3 = Yes

Q5. What did you do with the leftover antibiotics?

1. Kept them
2. Threw them in trash/flushed down the toilet
3. Gave them to another person
4. Don't remember
5. Other

If Q5 = 1

Q6. Why did you keep the leftover antibiotics?

Select all that apply

1. In case I get another infection
2. In case a family member gets an infection
3. Forgot to dispose
4. No specific reason
5. Unsure how to dispose of
6. Other

Q7. Have you ever taken any leftover antibiotics without talking to your health care professional? Select all that apply

1. Yes, mine
2. Yes, someone else's
3. No

Q8. Please indicate whether you agree or disagree with the following statements.

	Strongly agree	Somewhat agree	Somewhat disagree	Strongly disagree
When I get a cold or flu, antibiotics help me get better sooner.				
If I have had a cold that lasts long enough for me to visit a doctor, I expect a prescription for antibiotics.				
Overuse of antibiotics can lead to antibiotics not working the next time I need them.				
I am cautious regarding my use of antibiotics.				
I am concerned about side effects from antibiotics.				

Please rate your agreement with the next two statements.

Q9. Doctors over-prescribe antibiotics.

1. Strongly agree
2. Somewhat agree
3. Somewhat disagree
4. Strongly disagree

Q10. Doctors don't prescribe antibiotics when they should.

1. Strongly agree
2. Somewhat agree
3. Somewhat disagree
4. Strongly disagree

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