

Advice Sheet for Antibiotics

- Please inform us if you know you are allergic to any antibiotics.
- Remember that some antibiotics can interfere with the oral contraceptive pill. If you are unsure please ask the pharmacist when collecting your prescription.
- If you have not informed the dentist of any medication that you are taking please let either the nurses or the receptionists know before you leave the practice. Certain medications are affected by some antibiotics.
- Alcohol should be avoided with all antibiotics as it can interfere with the drugs effectiveness. It is important to note that if you have been given Metronidazole or Flagyl it is *imperative* that you *do not* drink as it will make you extremely ill.
- It is essential that you finish the complete course of antibiotics, even if you feel better. By stopping a course halfway through the antibiotics will not have killed off the stronger bacteria causing the infection and you therefore risk acquiring a ‘Super’ infection.
- Do not give your antibiotics to anyone else to take and keep them out of the reach of children.
- If you develop a rash or any adverse side effects like breathing difficulties please consult your pharmacist or doctor immediately.