

Recommendations for using antibiotics in dentistry have changed

Many patients with heart conditions or prosthetic joints no longer require antibiotics before procedures

Dear Patient,

I want to give you some important information about antibiotics:

Antibiotics can save lives but they only work on bacteria, not viruses or any other type of germs.

If you take antibiotics when you don't really need them, they can cause more harm than good

- ✓ **You can get diarrhea, rashes or yeast infections**
- ✓ **Antibiotics may NOT work when you need them**
antibiotics make bacteria more resistant to them, this can make future infections harder to treat

As a patient:

- Do not pressure your dentist to give you an antibiotic when antibiotics are not necessary
- Ask how some oral infections can be treated without antibiotics
- Tell your dentist if you have had any serious side effects or allergic reactions to antibiotics in the past
- Ask your dentist if a shorter duration of antibiotics is appropriate

As your dental provider, I promise to give you the best care possible

I am dedicated to avoiding prescribing antibiotics when they are likely to do more harm than good

Please feel free to ask me if you have any questions

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