

# ANTIBIOTICS

Dear @Name@,

Your healthcare team has discussed the following subject with you: antibiotics. Here is some additional information. Let us know if you have any questions regarding this information.

- Antibiotics are mostly used to treat infections inside the body, but can be used to reduce irritation and swelling (inflammation) in the intestines. It can also be used to treat Crohn's disease complications (like abscesses or fistulas) and can also be given after surgery.
- It is usually given as a pill, but can sometimes be given as an intravenous (IV) injection.
- Antibiotics are generally well tolerated by the body, but may cause side effects such as nausea, vomiting, loss of appetite, rash, diarrhea, dizziness, and headaches.
- Before taking these medications, let your doctor know about other medical conditions that you may have or other medications (even over-the-counter medications or alternative therapies) you may be taking. Also inform your doctor of any drug allergies.
- The best way to control your disease is by taking your medication as directed. Even when you do not have any symptoms, it is very important to continue taking your medication to prevent your disease from becoming active again. Do not alter the amount of the medication or how frequently you take it on your own.
- If you have any side effects or you continue to have symptoms, speak to your healthcare team immediately.

For further information, please check out <http://www.ibdmedicationguide.org/> or follow this link:

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