

# Antibiotics can help save lives, but they aren't always the solution

Antibiotics can treat bacterial infections, but overuse and misuse of antibiotics are contributing to a global health challenge—**antibiotic resistance**—which occurs when bacteria become resistant to antibiotics, making antibiotics ineffective.

Drug-resistant infections kill  
**700,000**  
people each year,  
including **230,000** from  
multi drug-resistant  
tuberculosis.<sup>1</sup>

This could  
increase to  
**10 million**  
deaths each year  
by 2050 if no action  
is taken.<sup>1</sup>

## You can help ensure proper use of antibiotics



Remember, **not all infections need to be treated with antibiotics** (they don't treat viruses, like colds or the flu)<sup>2</sup>



When prescribed an antibiotic, take your **full course of medication**, even if you are feeling better, and **do not skip doses**<sup>3</sup>



**Do not share** your antibiotics with others **or take antibiotics prescribed for someone else**<sup>4</sup>



**Do not save** antibiotics for future use<sup>2</sup>



Always **follow your doctor's instructions**, and only take antibiotics if your doctor feels you need them<sup>4</sup>

## And even prevent the need for antibiotics<sup>4</sup>



Wash  
hands  
often



Prepare  
food  
safely



Stay up-to-date  
on vaccinations



Cover your  
cough and  
stay home  
when sick



Whenever possible,  
select foods that have  
been certified as raised  
without antibiotics

## Consult your physician if you have questions or concerns

Read Teva's Position on Antimicrobial Resistance and learn more about our Social Impact efforts at [www.tevapharm.com/corporate\\_responsibility](http://www.tevapharm.com/corporate_responsibility)

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