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**Viruses or bacteria**

**What caused your infection?**

**Infection**

**Most people**

**get better by**

**Virus**

**Bacteria**

**Virus or**

**bacteria**

**Common cause**

**Are antibiotics**

**recommended?**

**COVID -19**

**Common cold**

**Flu**

**Laryngitis**

**Lar Tonsilitis / Pharyngitis yngitis**

**Acute bronchitis**

**Sinusitis**

**Sore throat**

**Ear infection**

**throat**

**Exacerbation of COPD**

**throat**

**Pneumonia**

**Urinary tract infection**

**1-3** **weeks**

**1-2** **weeks**

**2-3** **weeks**

**1 week**

**1 week**

**3 weeks**

**2 weeks**

**1 week**

**1 week**

**1-2 weeks**

**1-2 weeks**

**2-3 days**

**NO**

**NO**

**NO**

**NO**

**NO**

**NO**

**SOMETIMES**

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**YES**

**YES**

**Antibiotics are only needed to treat certain infections caused by bacteria. Viral infections should not be treated with antibiotics.**

**Use of antibiotics can lead to antimicrobial resistance.**

**This means that antibiotics become ineffective and infections become increasingly difficult to treat.**

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