

FOR PATIENTS

Antibiotics Can Cause Harm



**BE
ANTIBIOTICS
AWARE**

SMART USE, BEST CARE



Antibiotics are responsible for almost **1 out of 5** emergency department visits for adverse drug events.



Antibiotics are **the most common cause** of emergency department visits for adverse drug events in children under 18 years of age.

When antibiotics are not needed, they won't help you, and the side effects could cause harm. Ask your healthcare professional about the best way to treat your illness.

To learn more about antibiotic prescribing and use, visit www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use.

