

Your Intravenous (IV) Antibiotic Therapy at Home

Introduction

- Antibiotics are medications that are given to patients to treat or prevent infections. These medications kill the bacteria (germs) that cause the infection.
- Antibiotics can be given by mouth (pills or capsules), by injection or intravenously.
- The word “antibiotic” is used to describe medications that kill different kinds of germs.
- Antibiotics kill bacteria, anti-fungals kill fungal infections, antivirals kill viruses, anti-parasitic drugs kill parasites.
- Most antibiotics work almost the same way.
- Different antibiotics can cause different side effects. Your nurse or pharmacist will talk to you about the side effects that you should watch for, and any special precautions you should take while you receive your antibiotic therapy.

Your Prescription

Special Things You Need to Know

Please refer to any drug-specific information sheets provided by your pharmacy.