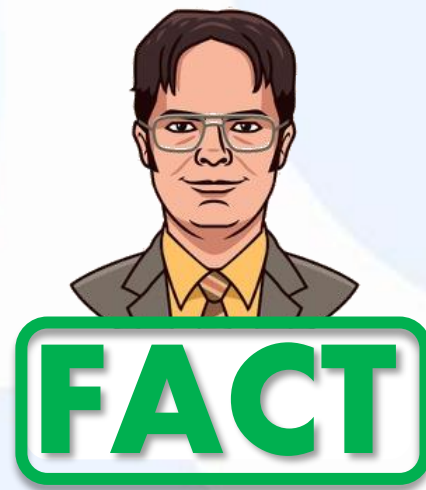




OR



Fake news: Antibiotics are needed to prevent infection in all procedures



✓ **Surgical prophylaxis is not always needed**



Fact: Surgical antibiotic prophylaxis is not indicated for all procedures. Refer to recommended guidelines.

Fake news: Continuing antibiotics for longer post-operatively will be more effective



✓ **Surgical prophylaxis is rarely needed beyond 24 hours**



Fact: If antibiotic prophylaxis is indicated, a single dose pre-operatively is usually sufficient. Post-operative antibiotics are only required in special circumstances. Extended prophylaxis is associated with an increased risk of adverse effects.

Fake news: Antibiotics should be continued until the drain is out



✓ **Antibiotics are not required for catheters or drains**



Fact: Use of urinary or intravascular catheters or indwelling surgical drains does not justify prolongation of antibiotic prophylaxis duration. Continuing antibiotics is not supported by current evidence and increases the risk of adverse outcomes.



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***Note:** Antimicrobials should always be prescribed according to the patient's clinical condition and the recommended guidelines. If unsure, consult infectious diseases or clinical microbiology.*