

Information & Consent — Antibiotics

Treating infection, and the warning signs to watch for

This form explains taking antibiotics and the warning signs of a spreading infection. Please read it and keep it for reference.

About antibiotics

All medicines have side effects and risks. Please read the leaflet in the box, and contact us and your GP if you have questions or concerns. Antibiotics treat infection. When you have an infection, there are important warning signs to watch for.

Sepsis — call 999

Sepsis can start in different parts of the body and have many symptoms. Early signs can include fast breathing and confusion. Other symptoms: fever and chills; very low body temperature; passing less urine than usual; fast heartbeat; nausea or vomiting; diarrhoea; weakness or extreme tiredness; blotchy or discoloured skin; sweaty or clammy skin; and severe pain. If you suspect sepsis or have some of these symptoms, call 999.

Spread of infection

Infections in the upper jaw can spread to other teeth and even towards the brain, which is dangerous. Please take infections and abscesses seriously. If you are concerned, call 111 — or 999 in an emergency.

Airway blockage / Ludwig's angina — call 999

Infections in the lower jaw can block the airway. If you have pain or tenderness in the floor of the mouth (under the tongue), difficulty swallowing, drooling, problems speaking, neck pain, neck swelling, redness on the neck, or weakness, call 999.

Notes & customisation

Your consent

My consent. I have read and understood this information about antibiotics and the warning signs to watch for. I have had the chance to ask questions and have them answered, and I have been given my course of

antibiotics together with the patient information leaflet. The Home Visit Terms & Important Information that apply to all treatments form part of this.

Patient (or representative) name	Relationship to patient (if not the patient)
Patient / representative signature	Date
Dentist name	Dentist signature & date

Our **Home Visit Terms & Important Information** (which apply to all treatments) form part of this consent and are provided alongside it.