

LOXWOOD MEDICAL PRACTICE

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IMPORTANT PATIENT MESSAGE



ANTIBIOTICS

“I would like to give you some information about antibiotics.”



Antibiotics fight infections that are caused by bacteria.

Most coughs and colds are caused by a virus; you will get better without an antibiotic.

Bacteria can become resistant to antibiotics so it is important that you only use them when necessary.

How can you help?

Carefully listen to the doctor or nurse's advice.

When you have a cough, cold or sore throat the best treatment may not be an antibiotic.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask.

Further information can be found at www.nhs.uk, www.patient.co.uk or www.selfcareforum.org.