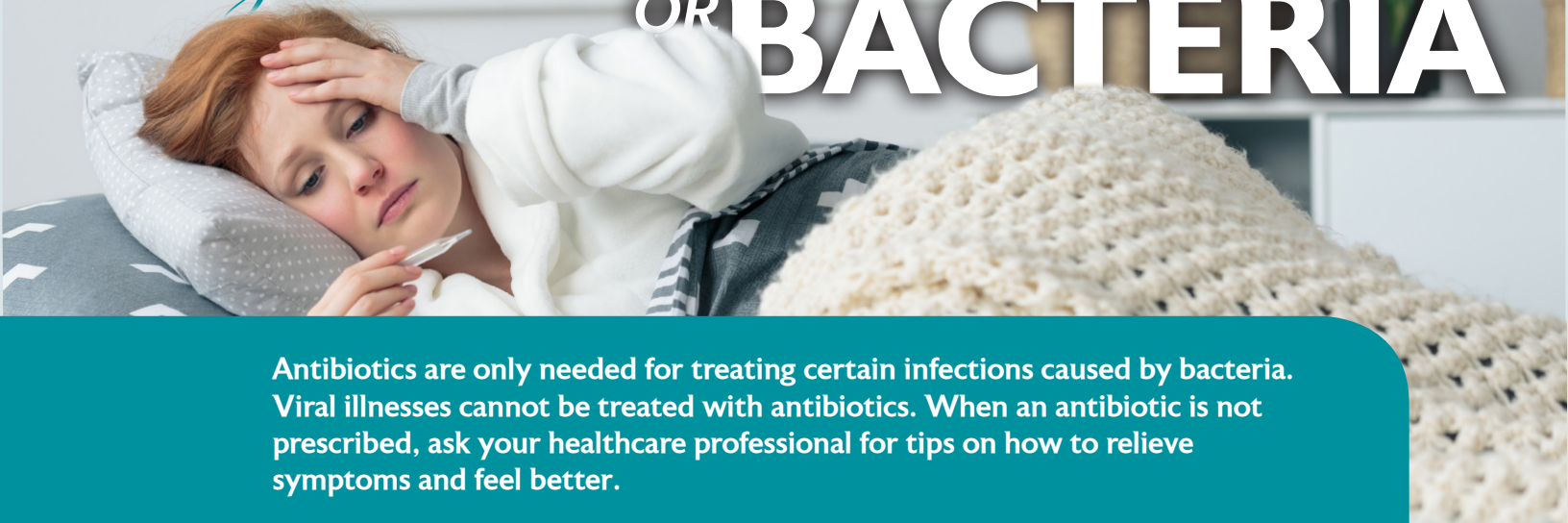


*What's got you sick?*

# VIRUSES OR BACTERIA



Antibiotics are only needed for treating certain infections caused by bacteria. Viral illnesses cannot be treated with antibiotics. When an antibiotic is not prescribed, ask your healthcare professional for tips on how to relieve symptoms and feel better.

COMMON CONDITION	COMMON CAUSE		ANTIBIOTICS NEEDED?
	VIRUS	BACTERIA	
STREP THROAT		✓	YES
WHOOPING COUGH		✓	YES
URINARY TRACT INFECTION		✓	YES
SINUS INFECTION	✓	✓	MAYBE
MIDDLE EAR INFECTION	✓	✓	MAYBE
BRONCHITIS/CHEST COLD (IN OTHERWISE HEALTHY CHILDREN AND ADULTS)*	✓	✓	NO*
COMMON COLD/RUNNY NOSE	✓		NO
SORE THROAT (EXCEPT STREP)	✓		NO
INFLUENZA	✓		NO
DIARRHEA	✓	✓	NO
VOMITING	✓	✓	NO

\* Studies show that in otherwise healthy children and adults, antibiotics for bronchitis won't help you feel better.

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