

FOR HEALTHCARE PROFESSIONALS

Antibiotics and Adverse Events



**BE
ANTIBIOTICS
AWARE**

SMART USE, BEST CARE



Antibiotics are responsible for almost **1 out of 5** emergency department visits for adverse drug events.¹



Antibiotics are **the most common cause** of emergency department visits for adverse drug events in children under 18 years of age.¹

Anytime antibiotics are prescribed, they can cause adverse events. Only prescribe antibiotics when clinically indicated.

To learn more about antibiotic prescribing and use, visit www.cdc.gov/antibiotic-use.

¹Shehab N, et al. JAMA. 2016 Nov;316(20):2115–25

