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Antibiotic

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An Important Message from Your Dentists

Dear Patient,

Understanding how antibiotics work as part of your dental treatment is very important. Here are some things to know:

- **Antibiotics will generally NOT help in healing your toothache.**
- If you take antibiotics when you don't need them, they may cause:
 - Diarrhea, rashes, or yeast infections
 - Bacteria to become resistant, limiting future antibiotic options when you need them
- Dental problems can be caused by:
 - Tooth decay
 - Broken teeth
 - Gum disease
 - Jaw problems
 - Infections, not all of which require antibiotic therapy



Sincerely,
Your Dental Team

Antibiotics on their own do not remove infection or stop the pain.

DENTAL TREATMENT IS NEEDED.

What can you do as a patient? Talk with me about the treatment that is best for you. Follow the dental plan that we discuss.

As your health care provider, I will give you the best care possible. I am dedicated to avoiding prescribing antibiotics when they are likely to do more harm than good. If you have any questions, ask me, your dental hygienist, or your pharmacist.