

ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE

FACTS AND FIGURES



Antibiotic resistance occurs when bacteria that can make you sick change so that the antibiotics used to treat them do not work as well.

22.8 MILLION

antibiotic prescriptions dispensed by Canadian pharmacies in 2013.



Antibiotics are only effective in treating bacterial infections, not viral infections like the common cold or flu.

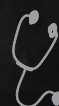
SOMETIMES IT HAPPENS NATURALLY, BUT WHAT ELSE CAN CAUSE ANTIBIOTIC RESISTANCE?

Overuse and misuse of antibiotics in both humans and animals

Taking antibiotics for an infection that is not caused by bacteria

Not taking your antibiotics as prescribed

Self-medicating or antibiotic sharing



The number of infections that are resistant to antibiotic treatment is increasing.

Few new antibiotics are being developed.



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