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Safe Antibiotic Use

Dear Patient,

Our resident’s health is a priority. We promise to provide our residents with the best quality care. Antibiotics **save** lives, but can be **harmful** and should only be used when necessary. Side effects from antibiotics include **skin rash, diarrhea, yeast infection, or worse.**

Antibiotics only fight infections caused by **bacteria**. Antibiotics won’t work against **viruses** which cause the common cold, most coughs, and sore throats. Potential harms to unnecessary use of antibiotics include **adverse drug events, drug interactions, infections from antibiotic resistant bacteria, and *C. difficile* (C. diff) infection.**

**Our Commitment** is to use the “*Best Practice*” approach to potential infections designed to “**OPTIMIZE** the treatment of infections while **REDUCING** the adverse events associated with antibiotic use.”

We will answer any questions about the role of antibiotics in the treatment of our residents. We are **dedicated** to prescribing antibiotics when they are needed, and we will avoid prescribing antibiotics when they might do more harm than good.

**Video resources for you:**

* **https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i7JdBfusaAo&feature=youtu.be**
* **https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qvr61rM8XMM**
* **https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-G4cEYQBVu4**
* **https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=m2IqNueo5lU**

Sincerely,

