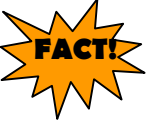
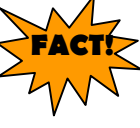
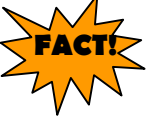
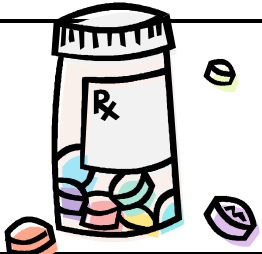
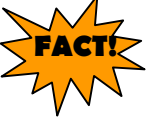
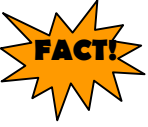
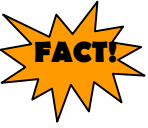


Get Smart Colorado: Use Antibiotics Wisely

is a health education campaign promoting the careful use of antibiotics

	<p>Antibiotic resistance is a serious health threat.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Antibiotics are powerful drugs that fight off only specific types of germs that cause illnesses. Antibiotic resistance is when these germs (bacteria) have figured out how to outsmart antibiotics. Some antibiotics can no longer kill these special germs.
	<p>Two main kinds of germs make people sick - bacteria and viruses.</p> <p>Antibiotics only help with illnesses caused by bacteria.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Viruses cause most colds, coughs, sore throats, runny noses and even the flu! Antibiotics will NOT help children feel better from illnesses caused by viruses.
	<p>Infections caused by resistant germs are harder to treat and can be serious.</p>	
	<p>We can fight antibiotic resistance by using antibiotics only when we need them. That's what we call: USING ANTIBIOTICS WISELY!</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> If children take antibiotics when they are not needed, the chance of making resistant germs increases. You can help by not expecting or demanding antibiotics. Listen to the doctor about whether or not your child needs antibiotics. Sometimes, antibiotics just do not help.
	<p>If a doctor prescribes an antibiotic, make sure children take all of the medicine - even if symptoms go away.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> By making sure children take the full prescription, you will help stop the spread of resistant germs.
	<p>With your help, we can protect children from getting sick from antibiotic-resistant bacteria!</p>	<p><u>Remember:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Use antibiotics only when the doctor thinks they will work. Make sure children's shots, like flu shots, are up-to-date. There are vaccines that can protect children from getting certain types of illnesses. Help children wash their hands often. Good hand washing can cut down on the spread of germs.