

ANTIBIOTIC QUESTIONNAIRE

SUMMARY

Out of the 196 questionnaires returned, the following percentage of patients answered correctly:

Q1.	92%	Take all course prescribed
Q2.	81.6%	Antibiotics don't work for colds, most coughs and sore throats
Q3.	89%	GPs will only prescribe antibiotics when they are needed
Q4.	98%	Take the antibiotics as prescribed or they may not clear the infection
Q.5	75.5%	Taking antibiotics when you don't need to will allow bacteria to develop a resistance to the antibiotic.

ACTION

- Publicise results on Practice website, in Surgery waiting room and next Practice newsletter.
- Emphasise the fact that
 - The patient should complete the course
 - Antibiotics will only be prescribed if the GP feels they are needed - there may be infection present
 - Taking antibiotics when you don't need to will allow bacteria to develop a resistance to the antibiotic