

# YOUR CHILD'S BRONCHITIS/COUGH

Your child's bronchitis/cough does not need an antibiotic.

## Signs of bronchitis/ cough:

- A cough that lasts less than 10-14 days
- Yellow or green mucus
- No fever
- No breathing problems

## What you can do at home:

- Allow extra sleep/nap time
- Provide lots of fluids
- Give acetaminophen or ibuprofen as needed for pain
- Cool mist vaporizer or warm steam in a bathroom
- Keep your home smoke-free

## Call your doctor if your child has bronchitis/ cough and develops any of these signs:

- Cough that lasts longer than 3 weeks
- Fever of 101 degrees or more
- Trouble breathing
- Wheezing

## Get Smart about Antibiotics!

Illness	Usual Cause		Antibiotic Needed?
	Virus	Bacteria	
Cold	X		No
Bronchitis	X		No
Sore throat	X		No
Ear infection		X	Sometimes

The Wisconsin Antibiotic Resistance Network (WARN) is a coalition of Wisconsin health care providers, professional organizations, and public health agencies concerned about antibiotic resistance and inappropriate antibiotic use.

