

A Hard Pill to Swallow



About half of all antibiotic prescriptions are unnecessary

Every year more than 23 million antibiotic prescriptions are written in Canada at a cost of over \$780 million.

Community dispensing accounts for 87% of Canada's annual antibiotic costs; hospitals account for 13%.

15-21% of all adult antibiotic prescriptions are to treat sinusitis, which is most often a viral infection.

Antibiotic side effects are experienced by as many as one in four people.



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