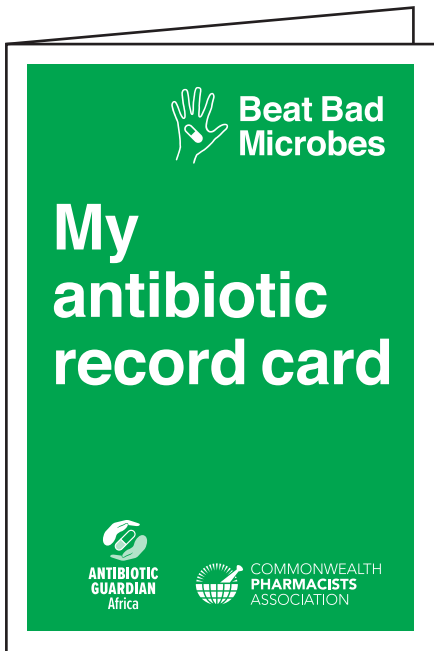




How to use the antibiotic record card



What is the antibiotic record card?

The antibiotic record card lists antibiotics taken by your patient along with any side effects they may have experienced. The card is a quick guide to help you have an informed conversation with your patient about antibiotics.

Information about me Name _____ Insurance ID _____ How old are you? _____	
Information about my pharmacy and doctor Pharmacy contact details _____	
To be completed by your pharmacist Date _____ Condition _____ Name and brand of antibiotic _____	details _____
Information about my antibiotics How long did it take you to feel better? Write down the number of days it took you to feel better: _____ Did you have any side effects? Please tick: <input type="checkbox"/> yes <input type="checkbox"/> no Write down the side effects: _____ <i>Your pharmacist will advise you whether you should take antibiotics with or without food</i>	

- 3 You will need to explain to your patient how to use the card. If they cannot complete the card suggest they ask someone to help them. Point to each section and show your patient which parts they need to fill in.

'Information about me' + 'Information about my pharmacy and doctor'

Ask your patient to fill in the information about them and their doctor's contact details. You should fill in the information about your pharmacy.

Tell your patient it is helpful for you and other healthcare professionals to have their personal details. These help to make sure you are talking about the right person and make it quicker to communicate should you, the doctor or your patient have questions.

'Information about my antibiotics'

Ask your patient to fill in the 'Information about my antibiotics' section when they have completed their course.

'How long did it take you to feel better'

Explain that it's helpful to know how long it was before they felt better.

It's important to remind patients that even though they may feel better after a few days they must complete the course to make sure all the bad microbes have been killed.

'Did you have any side effects'

Tell your patient that some medications can cause side effects such as stomach upset or nausea and that these are often short lived and pass in a few days. Explain what an allergic reaction is and advise your patient to see their doctor if they think they may be allergic. Tell your patient that an allergic reaction to one type of antibiotic means that an alternative can be prescribed.

Giving out the antibiotic record card

- 1 You will need to ask your patient whether they have a card, or whether they need a new one.
- 2 Fill out the 'To be completed by your pharmacist' section with the date, your patient's condition and their antibiotics.