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Bacteria vs. Viruses: When Does Your Child Actually Need Antibiotics?

This session will discuss why antibiotics only work against bacteria, how to distinguish viral from bacterial illness in children, and how to safely protect your child's health.



Live Webinar
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He is involved in several committees on infection prevention and control, renal transplant, and antimicrobial stewardship. He completed his pediatric residency at Sidra Medicine in 2018. Then, he pursued a pediatric infectious disease fellowship at BC Children's Hospital in Vancouver, Canada, from 2020 to 2023. He is experienced in managing children with acute and chronic infections and has a special interest in