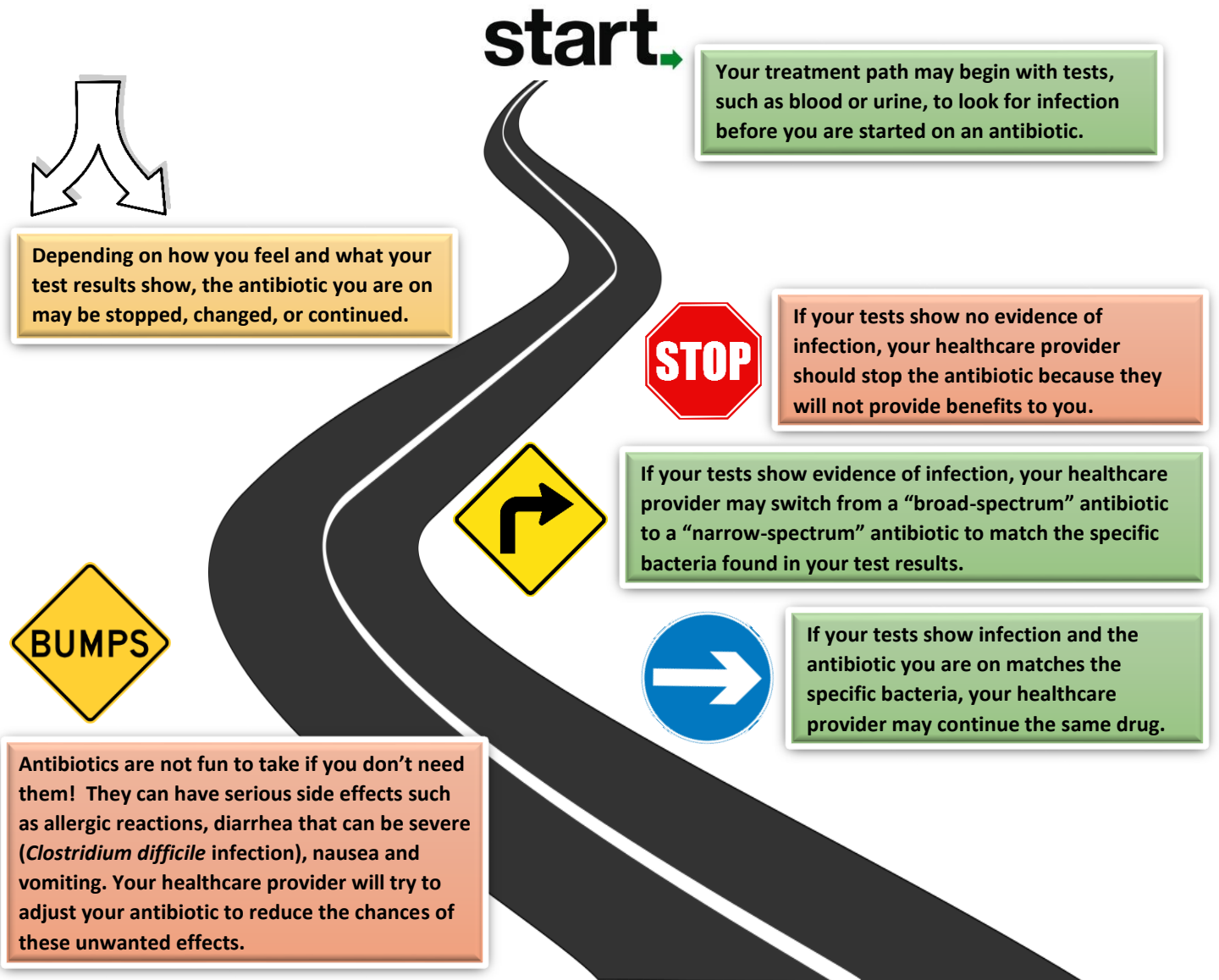


# Roadmap for Sensible Antibiotic Use

**A**ntibiotics are a powerful weapon in the treatment of infections. But using more antibiotics doesn't always mean better healthcare. Understanding the signs along this winding treatment path is important on the road to recovery. After sending some tests, your healthcare

provider may start you on antibiotics based on certain signs and symptoms of possible infection. When test results come back, your healthcare provider may decide to stop, change, or continue the antibiotic treatment path. Bumps along the road such as side effects may also alter the treatment path.



**You can help set the course for the sensible use of antibiotic as a patient or caregiver by asking questions:**

- What infection is being treated with the antibiotic? Are there ways to treat the symptoms without antibiotic?
- What tests can help determine the cause of the infection, and whether the antibiotic is the right match?
- What side effects are possible from the antibiotic?
- How long should I take the antibiotic?

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