

Antimicrobial

An antimicrobial is an [agent](#) that kills [microorganisms](#) or stops their growth.

Antimicrobial medicines can be grouped according to the microorganisms they act primarily against. For example, [antibiotics](#) are used against [bacteria](#), and [antifungals](#) are used against fungi. They can also be classified according to their function. Agents that kill microbes are microbicides, while those that merely inhibit their growth are called bacteriostatic agents.

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