

Acute infectious cough

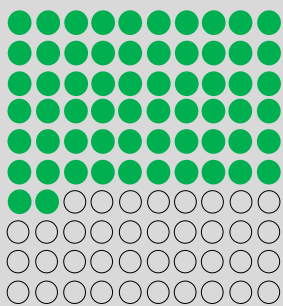
What causes an acute cough?

It can be caused by viruses ($\geq 90\%$) or less often by bacteria ($< 10\%$) and starts from an upper respiratory tract infection (common cold).

How long does an acute cough last?

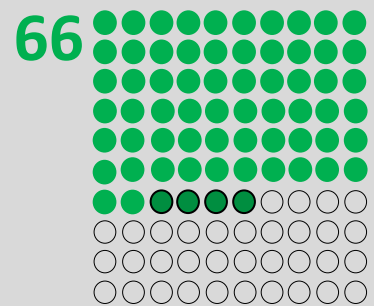
The symptoms of an acute cough usually resolve within **4 weeks** (average duration is 18 days).

100 affected persons who **don't** take antibiotics

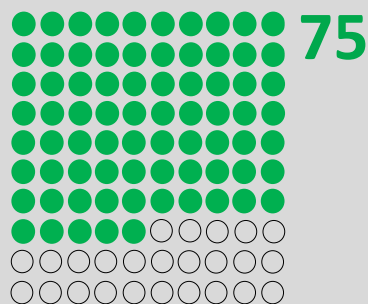


With antibiotics,
4 more people
out of 100
will have
reduced cough
after
7 days

100 affected persons who **do** take antibiotics

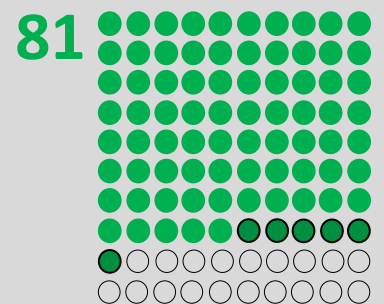


100 affected persons who **don't** take antibiotics

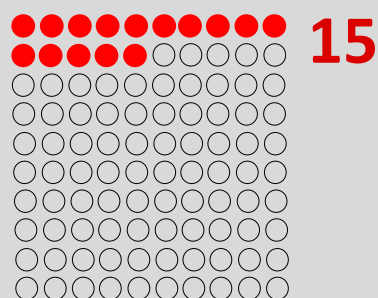


With antibiotics,
6 more people
out of 100
will have
reduced cough
after
14 days

100 affected persons who **do** take antibiotics



100 affected persons who **don't** take antibiotics



Side effects from antibiotics

With antibiotics,
14 more people
out of 100
will have symptoms like
vomiting, diarrhea
and/or skin rash.

100 affected persons who **do** take antibiotics

