

Acute sinusitis / rhinosinusitis

For consideration of antibiotic therapy for moderate sinusitis with a moderate likelihood of bacterial cause.

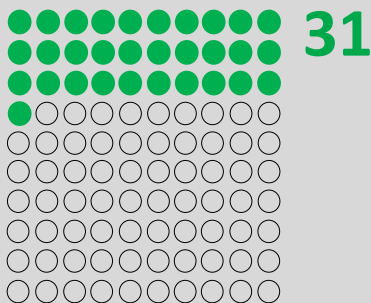
What causes an acute rhinosinusitis?

Usually caused by viruses (98-99.5%) and less commonly by bacteria (0.5-2%). Starts with an upper respiratory tract infection.

How long does acute rhinosinusitis last?

Average duration is 2-3 weeks (whether viral or bacterial). The infection usually resolves within 4 weeks.

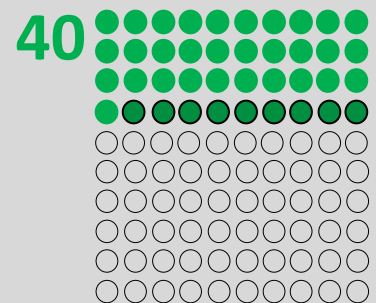
100 affected persons who **don't** take antibiotics



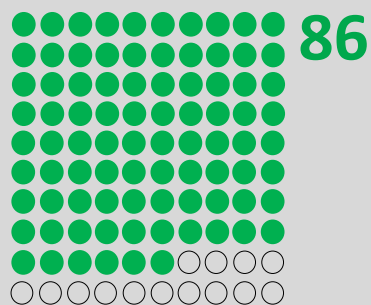
With antibiotics,

9 more people out of 100 will be **symptom-free** after **5 days**

100 affected persons who **do** take antibiotics



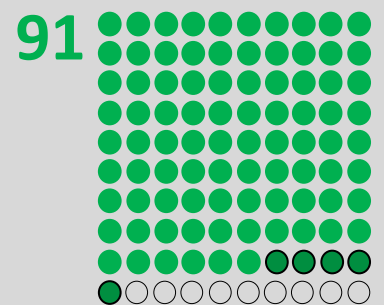
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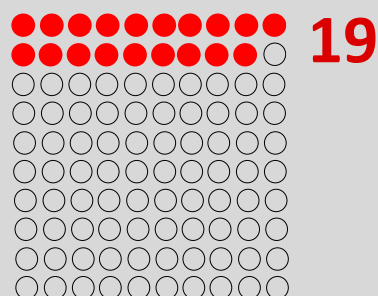
With antibiotics,

5 more people out of 100 will be **symptom-free** after **14 days**

100 affected persons who **do** take antibiotics



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



Side effects from antibiotics

With antibiotics, **8 more people** out of 100 will have symptoms like vomiting, diarrhea and/or skin rash.

100 affected persons who **do** take antibiotics

