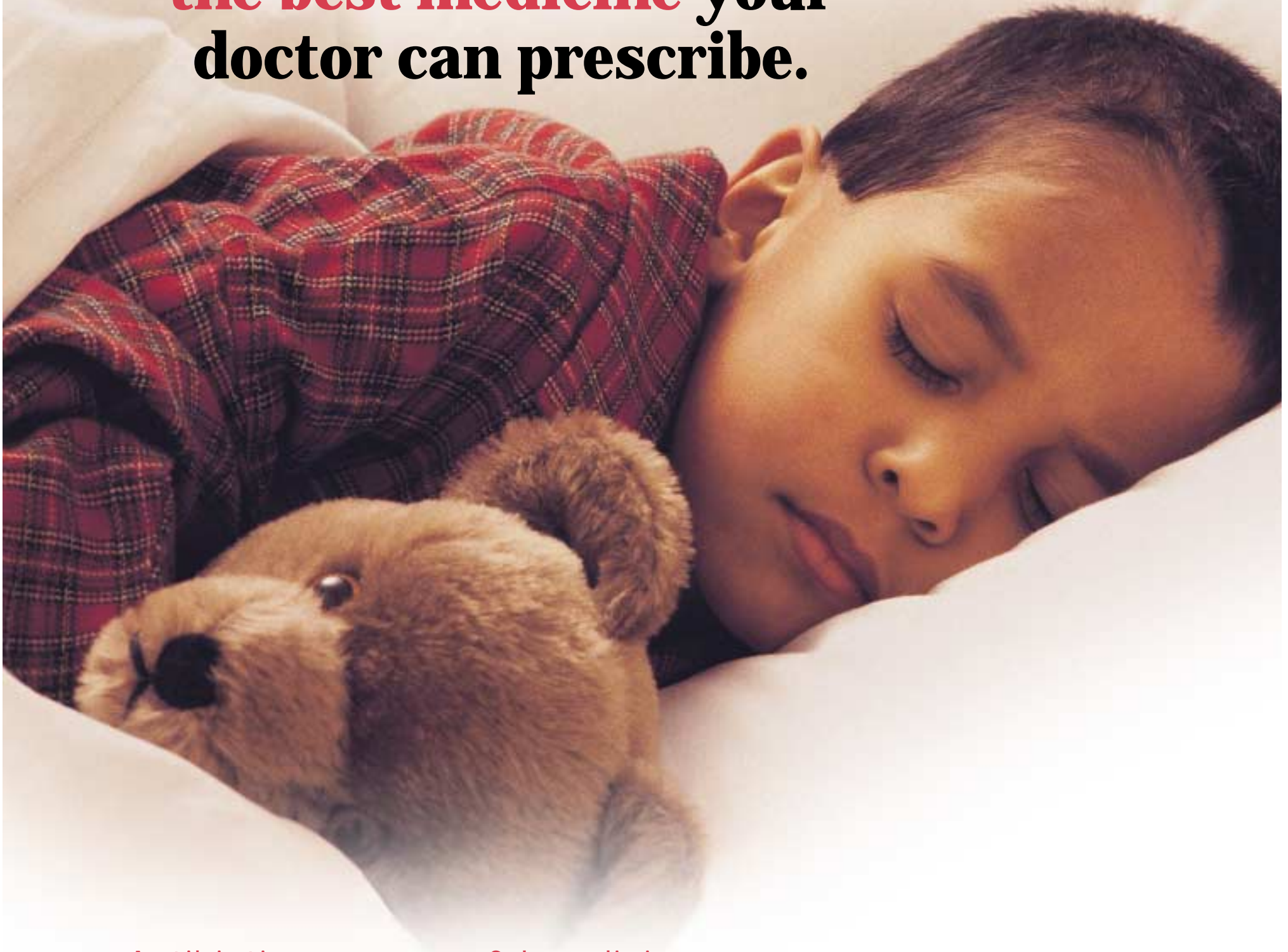


# Sometimes, a little rest and tender loving care is the best medicine your doctor can prescribe.



Antibiotics are powerful medicines  
and should only be used when needed.

Antibiotics fight infections caused by bacteria, but have no power at all against viruses. So, taking antibiotics for an infection caused by a virus, like a cold or the flu, won't help the infection or symptoms go away any faster. More importantly, it may even be harmful and prevent antibiotics from working in the future.

Why? Over the years, some bacteria have learned to protect themselves against antibiotics. This is called antibiotic resistance, an important health concern.

The best way to prevent this from happening is to use antibiotics appropriately:

- Don't pressure your doctor to prescribe an antibiotic for a viral infection. Ask your doctor about ways to help relieve the symptoms.
- When your doctor does prescribe an antibiotic, follow the instructions carefully about when and how long to give your child the medicine.
- Make sure to give the entire prescription, even when your child is feeling better.
- Never save an antibiotic to treat your child or others later.

Please follow your doctor's instructions  
and use antibiotics appropriately.

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