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## The Right Time: Understanding Antibiotic Courses

### Open-Ended Response Answer Key

1. Recent guidelines suggest stopping antibiotics when symptoms improve to minimize the risk of antibiotic resistance and unnecessary antibiotic exposure, while ensuring effective treatment.
2. Stopping antibiotics early without consulting a healthcare provider can lead to incomplete treatment, allowing bacteria to survive and potentially develop antibiotic resistance. It may also increase the risk of a relapse or complications.
3. Two factors that may influence the duration of antibiotic treatment for an individual include the type and severity of the infection and the patient's overall health and medical history.

