You have been diagnosed with an infection caused by a virus. Most colds, coughs, and sore throats are caused by viruses. Fever is also a normal symptom of a viral infection. Antibiotics kill bacteria, not viruses, and they will not help you feel better faster. Follow this prescription to feel better.

**Diagnosis:**
- Cold/cough
- Bronchitis
- Sore throat
- Other: ____________

**General Instructions:**
- Get plenty of rest
- Drink plenty of fluid
- Use a humidifier or saline nasal spray to relieve congestion
- Stay away from smoke
- Other: ____________

**Medications:**
- For pain: ____________
- For cough: ____________
- For other symptoms: ____________

**Follow-up:**
- If you don’t improve in _____ days, if you have new symptoms, or if you have other concerns, call or return to the office.
- If you received a SNAP (safety net antibiotic prescription), start taking it in _____ days if you don’t improve or _____ days if you get worse. (Don’t fill the prescription until you know you need it.)
- Other: ____________

Doctor’s signature: ____________ Date: ____________

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