

MEDICATION INFORMATION FOR PEDIATRIC PATIENTS

Amoxicillin

(Brand Names: Amoxil, Polymox, Trimox, others)

Dosing Instructions: _____

What is this medicine for?

- used to treat bacterial infections (antibiotic)

How should I give my child this medicine?

- Give amoxicillin on a regular schedule as prescribed by your child’s doctor. This medicine should only be given to the patient for whom it is prescribed.
- Give all of the medicine. Do not stop giving it because your child is feeling better; the infection could start again.
- If giving your child a liquid, shake the bottle well and carefully measure each dose with an oral syringe, dropper, or medicine spoon.
- Amoxicillin can be given with food or milk to prevent stomach upset.

How should this medicine be stored?

- Keep medicine in its original bottle.
- Keep all medicine out of the reach of children.
- Store tablets or capsules in a cool, dry place away from sunlight.
- Liquid amoxicillin should be stored in the refrigerator. Do not freeze.
- Check the expiration date. Do not use amoxicillin after the expiration date. Do not save amoxicillin to use for another infection.

What should I do if I miss a dose?

- Give the dose as soon as you remember it. However, if it is almost time for the next dose, do not give the missed dose. Do not give a double dose.

What precautions or special instructions should I know about?

- Do not give your child this medicine if he/she is allergic to penicillins or cephalosporins.
- Do not give your child any other medicines, including over-the-counter medicines, until you have checked with your child’s doctor or pharmacist.

What are the common side effects of this medicine?

- mild diarrhea
- mild nausea and vomiting

Stop giving your child this medicine and call your child’s doctor immediately if:

- Your child has any of these reactions:
 - severe diarrhea
 - severe nausea and vomiting
 - skin rash, itching, hives
 - shortness of breath, wheezing
 - swelling of the hands, feet, or face

Notes and Special Instructions:

This medication information sheet is a summary and intended for information purposes only. If you have any other questions, please ask your child’s doctor or pharmacist.
