



Pediatric Clinic
PATIENT EDUCATION HANDOUTS
Importance of Antibiotic Therapy

Your child is being given an antibiotic to fight infection. It is important that you have the prescription filled immediately. Your child may still feel ill for the next 24-48 hours (1-2 days). It takes this long for the antibiotic to begin its work. During this time, you may still give your child Acetaminophen (Tylenol, Temptra...) if needed for fever by the directions of the doctor.

Sometimes children have allergic reactions to their medicine. If your child has a rash or itches, immediately contact your physician or the medical clinic where your child is treated. If your child has trouble breathing, call 911 and take your child to an Emergency Room.

IT IS IMPORTANT THAT YOUR CHILD FINISH ALL THE MEDICATION THE DOCTOR ORDERED. Make sure it is given to your child at the correct times. Your child will start to feel better BEFORE the prescription is gone, BUT if the medicine is not finished, your child may get the same illness over again in 2-3 weeks. **THE ANTIBIOTIC MUST BE TAKEN UNTIL GONE.**

Do not share your child's medicine with other family members. The doctor orders the right amount of medicine for each child by their weight and other facts specific to your child.

Never leave any medicines, not being taken in your medicine cabinet. Throw them away. These medicines are of no value to your family's health and may be harmful.