

Amoxicillin dispersible tablets (DT) 250mg



Treatment of pneumonia for children from 2 months to 5 years of age

DOSING SCHEDULE

- Demonstrate by giving the first dose. Caregiver will watch and learn.
- Give the rest of the medicine to the caregiver to administer to the child at home.
- Instruct caregiver to give medicine twice per day for the full 5 days, even if the child feels better.

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5			
2 months up to 12 months								
12 months up to 3 years								
3 years up to 5 years								
Complete all days of treatment	Bacterial load decrease							

Please explain to caregiver: Even if the child feels better, the infection may still remain in their body. ALL of the medication must be given for the bacteria to be killed.



1 Wash hands, then take:

■ 1 tablet for 2 months up to 12 months.

■ 2 tablets for 12 months up to 3 years.

■ 3 tablets for 3 years up to 5 years.

2 Put in a small, clean cup.

3 Add clean drinking water or breast milk to cover tablet(s) completely.

4 Mix water and tablet(s) well.

5 Make sure the child drinks all the medicine.



IMPORTANT

- Check expiration date before giving medicine to caregiver.
- Instruct caregiver to use mixture immediately and do not store for future use.
- Give child any remaining medicine left in cup.
- Instruct caregiver to keep amoxicillin DT out of the reach of children and in a clean, dry place.
- Medicine should not be shared.
- Amoxicillin will not treat a viral infection such as the common cold or flu.

FOLLOW UP

Instruct caregiver

- To continue breastfeeding and give the child more fluids.
- To return immediately if the child:
 - Becomes sicker
 - Is not able to drink or breastfeed
 - Is vomiting everything
 - Develops a fever
 - Continues fast or difficult breathing or wheezing

AT FOLLOW UP VISIT

- Check for danger signs
- Assess child for cough or difficulty breathing
- Ask caregiver
 - Is the child breathing slower?
 - Is there less fever?
 - Is the child eating better?
- Consider referral if the child is not better.



SIDE EFFECTS

- Side effects, as with other penicillins, are uncommon and mainly of a mild and transitory nature.