# Amoxicillin oral suspension (OS) 250mg/5mL

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.

### 2 months up to 12 months

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1. Add safe water to the bottle until the water reaches the line
2. Shake the bottle
3. Measure out the dose using the oral syringe or teaspoon:
   - 5mL for 2 months up to 12 months
4. Make sure the child drinks all the medicine.

### 12 months up to 3 years

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1. Add safe water to the bottle until the water reaches the line
2. Shake the bottle
3. Measure out the dose using the cup:
   - 10mL for 12 months up to 3 years
4. Make sure the child drinks all the medicine.

### 3 years up to 5 years

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1. Add safe water to the bottle until the water reaches the line
2. Shake the bottle
3. Measure out the dose using the cup:
   - 15mL for 3 years up to 5 years
4. Make sure the child drinks all the medicine.

## IMPORTANT
- Check expiration date before giving medicine to caregiver.
- Give child any remaining medicine left in cup.
- Instruct caregiver to keep medicine 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.