

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



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

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
2 months up to 12 months	5mL	5mL	5mL	5mL	5mL

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

	Day 1	Day 2	Day 3	Day 4	Day 5
12 months up to 3 years	10mL	10mL	10mL	10mL	10mL
3 years up to 5 years	15mL	15mL	15mL	15mL	15mL

- Add safe water to the bottle until the water reaches the line
- Shake the bottle
- Measure out the dose using the cup:  
  - 10mL for 12 months up to 3 years
  - 15mL for 3 years up to 5 years
- Make sure the child drinks all the medicine.



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

## 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.



## 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.

