

Patient Information

Your Medicine

Cephalexin

Dose

_____ 250mg

_____ 500mg

Take

_____ pills every _____ hours

Erythromycin

Dose

_____ 250mg

Take

_____ pill every _____ hours

Augmentin

Dose

_____ 250mg

_____ 500mg

Take

_____ pill every _____ hours

Things You Should Know About Antibiotics

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Antibiotics

These medicines are used to prevent or treat infections caused by bacteria. They do nothing for infections caused by viruses

How Antibiotics Work

There are many different classes of antibiotics, each working in a different way. The important thing to remember is that for them to be effective, you must take the pills correctly.

If you are taking the antibiotic to fight an infection, you should take all the pills, even if you are feeling better. There may be some “hidden” infection which, if not treated, will cause the infection to come back.

How To Take Your Medicine

For a medicine to work it must be taken properly. Your doctor will tell you how many pills to take and when to take them. However, there are some general rules about taking antibiotics.

1. Some antibiotics should be taken with food. Others are less effective if taken with food. Be sure you know which type you are taking.

2. Never take more than one antibiotic at a time without telling your doctor.
3. You may take over-the-counter drugs such as acetaminophen (Tylenol, Panadol, etc.), aspirin, and cold medicines while taking an antibiotic.

Occasional Side Effects

Antibiotics are very safe drugs. Most people can take them without any problems or side effects.

The common side effects include

- Upset stomach
- Diarrhea
- Vomiting
- Rash

Other Side Effects

Some women tend to get vaginal infections when taking antibiotics. Be sure to tell the doctor if this happens to you. Medicines can be prescribed to lessen the chances of this happening.

It's important to remember that any drug can, in some people, cause any side effect. If you have any mild problems of any kind, call the office, your doctor, or your pharmacist for advice. You may stop the medication until you get advice.

If you have severe swelling, trouble breathing, trouble swallowing, or anything else that concerns you, go directly to the nearest hospital emergency center.

Who Should Not Take Antibiotics

Since there are so many different classes of antibiotics, your doctor will be able to find one that you can safely take.

Be sure and tell your doctor if you have an allergy to any antibiotic.

Additional Questions

Your doctor or pharmacist can answer any of your questions about the antibiotic you are taking. Don't hesitate to call.