



Medication Safety Fact Sheet

Medication safety is important for keeping your child safe when they are on prescription medications. Medications can be prescribed by

- Doctor
- Physician's Assistant
- Nurse Practitioner

Do not give your child any medications that have not been prescribed specifically for them by your healthcare provider (HCP).

Make sure your healthcare provider knows about

- any and all medical conditions that your child may have
- any and all allergies that your child may have
- any and all medications, vitamins or supplements your child is taking that have been prescribed by other healthcare providers

It is important for you to know

- the exact name of your child's medication(s)
- the exact amount you are to give them
- when you are to give the medication
- what the expected results of the medication are
- when to expect them
- what side effects to watch out for

Remember to

- give your child the exact amount of his or her medication that your healthcare provider has prescribed
- give your child his or her medications at the time(s) of day that your healthcare provider has prescribed
- give your child his or her medications as many times a day/week/month as your healthcare provider has prescribed
- continue to give your child his or her medication until your HCP tells you to stop, **even if your child begins to feel better**
- always make sure that the medication name, dose and instructions written on the prescription bottle match those given by your HCP
- use the same pharmacy whenever possible to avoid interactions
- always let your HCP know about any unexpected side effects