What is AMOXIL used for?

AMOXIL contains a penicillin called amoxycillin as the active ingredient. Amoxycillin belongs to the penicillin group of antibiotics. AMOXIL is used to treat a range of infections caused by bacteria. These may be infections of the chest (pneumonia), tonsils (tonsillitis), sinuses (sinusitis), inner ear (otitis media), urinary and genital tract or skin and fleshy tissues. AMOXIL works by killing the bacteria that cause these infections. AMOXIL can also be used to prevent infection.

Before you give AMOXIL

Do not give AMOXIL if:

- your child is taking any other medicines, including medicines you buy without a prescription. In particular tell the doctor if your child is taking any of the following:
  - probenecid or allopurinol.
  - other antibiotics.
  - anticoagulants (used to prevent blood clots) such as warfarin.

These may interfere with the actions of AMOXIL.

Some medicines may affect the way other medicines work. The doctor or pharmacist will be able to tell you which medicines are safe to take with AMOXIL.

If you have not told the doctor about any of these things, tell them before you give your child any AMOXIL.

How to give AMOXIL to your child

Follow the doctor’s instructions about how and when to give AMOXIL. The doctor will advise how many doses are needed each day, and for how long your child will need to take AMOXIL. Please read the direction label carefully. If you have any concerns about how to give AMOXIL, talk to the doctor or pharmacist.

How much AMOXIL to give:

Give AMOXIL as directed by your child’s doctor or pharmacist.

The usual dose of AMOXIL is one dose taken three times a day. The dose may vary depending on your child’s weight.

How to give AMOXIL:

Shake the bottle well before measuring out the dose in a suitable measure. The dose of AMOXIL Paediatric Drops is drawn up and given using the dosing syringe provided with the medicine. Make sure the whole dose is swallowed each time.

AMOXIL Paediatric Drops syringe user instructions:

1. Shake bottle well before use.

2. Remove cap. FIRST TIME ONLY: Insert adaptor into the bottle neck, ensuring it is firmly attached.

3. Insert syringe into adaptor.

4. Invert bottle and withdraw required dose.

5. Place bottle upright and remove syringe from adaptor.

6. Administer dose into mouth.

7. Rinse syringe in clean water.

8. Replace bottle cap, ensuring adaptor remains in bottle.

Keep this leaflet with the medicine.

You may need to read it again.
Diarrhoea (e.g. Lomotil® or Imodium®).

If your child develops itching, swelling or a skin rash while taking AMOXIL, do not give any other medicines until your child's doctor has told you it is safe to do so. Like other medicines, AMOXIL can cause some side-effects. If they occur, they are most likely to be mild and temporary. However, some may be serious and need medical attention.

**MILD EFFECTS**

- **Tell the doctor if any of the following are troublesome or ongoing:**
  - diarrhoea (several loose bowel movements per day), indigestion, feeling sick or being sick
  - soreness of the mouth or tongue, abnormal taste, white or furry tongue (oral thrush)
  - soreness or itching of the vagina and/or discharge (vaginal thrush)

**MORE SERIOUS EFFECTS**

- **Tell the doctor immediately if any of the following occur:**
  - itching, rash
  - unusual bleeding or bruising
  - yellowing of the skin or eyes
  - dark urine or pale stools
  - difficulty or pain on passing urine
  - severe diarrhoea
  - excessive abnormal muscle movements
  - dizziness or convulsions
  - tooth discolouration

**Stop giving AMOXIL and contact the doctor or take your child to the emergency department of the nearest hospital if any of the following happens:**

- Wheezing, swelling of the lips/mouth, difficulty in breathing, hayfever, lumpy rash (hives) or fainting. These could be symptoms of an allergic reaction.

Remember you should tell the doctor or pharmacist as soon as possible if any of these, or any other unusual events or problems occur during or after your child's treatment with AMOXIL. If there may be some side-effects not yet known. Remember you should tell the doctor or pharmacist if you notice any side effects from your child's medicine which are not mentioned here. Do not be alarmed by this list of possible side-effects. Your child may not experience any of them.

Do not use AMOXIL to treat any other complaints unless the doctor says to.

**What are the side-effects?**

Check with your child's doctor as soon as possible if you think your child is experiencing any side-effects or allergic reactions due to taking AMOXIL, even if the problem is not listed below.

**How to store AMOXIL?**

Keep this medicine where children cannot reach it, such as in a locked cupboard. Keep the bottle in a cool dry place where the temperature stays below 25°C. Do not leave it in the car on a hot day. Do not store medicine in the bathroom or near a sink. Heat and dampness can destroy some medicines.

Do not use AMOXIL left in the bottle 14 days after opening. Ask your pharmacist what to do with any doses that are left over. Return any unused or expired medicine to your pharmacist.

**Product description**

**What AMOXIL looks like:**

AMOXIL syrups are available as:

- a yellow or off-white sugar free syrup containing 125mg amoxycillin/5mL (Amoxil Syrup), and
- a yellow or off-white sugar free syrup containing 250mg amoxycillin/5mL (Amoxil Syrup Forte).

AMOXIL Paediatric Drops are available as:

- an off-white liquid suspension containing 100mg amoxycillin/mL.

**Ingredients:**

All AMOXIL preparations contain the active ingredient amoxycillin.

AMOXIL syrups also contain the inactive ingredients:

- disodium edetate,
- sodium benzoate,
- saccharin sodium,
- xanthan gum,
- colloidal anhydrous silica,
- silicon dioxide,
- sorbitol
and lemon/peach/strawberry fruit mix flavour PHS-141289.

AMOXIL Paediatric Drops also contain the inactive ingredients:

- sodium benzoate,
- carmellose sodium 12,
- aspartame,
- xanthan gum,
- silica - hydrophobic colloidal anhydrous,
- magnesium stearate
and lemon/peach/strawberry fruit mix flavour PHS-141289.

**Supplier:**

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34-36 Chandoes St
St Leonards NSW 2065

**Where to go for further information:**

Pharmaceutical companies are not in a position to give people an individual diagnosis or medical advice. Your doctor or pharmacist is the best person to give you advice on the treatment of your condition.

AMOXIL preparations are only available if prescribed by a doctor.

AMOXIL is also available as capsules and injections.

AMOXIL paediatric preparations come in the following packs:

- AMOXIL 125mg/5mL Syrup 100mL (AUST R 11133).
- AMOXIL Forte 250mg/5mL Syrup 100mL (AUST R 11134).
- AMOXIL Paediatric Drops 20mL (AUST R 201566).

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