

## Amoxicillin (Amoxil)

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### About This Medicine

AMOXICILLIN (a mox i SIL in) treats infections caused by bacteria. It belongs to a group of medications called penicillin antibiotics. It will not treat colds, the flu, or infections caused by viruses. It is given orally (by mouth).

This medicine may be used for other purposes; ask your care team if you have questions.

### Possible Side Effects

- Nausea and vomiting (throwing up)
- Diarrhea (loose bowel movements)
- Rash

**Note:** Each of the side effects above was reported in greater than 1% of people treated with amoxicillin. All possible side effects are not included. Your side effects may be different depending on your diagnosis, condition, or if you are receiving other medicines in combination. Please discuss any concerns or questions with your care team.

### Warnings and Precautions

- Severe diarrhea that can be caused by an infection called *Clostridium difficile*.
- Inflammation (swelling) in the colon - symptoms are diarrhea (loose bowel movements), stomach cramping, and sometimes blood in the bowel movements
- Allergic reactions, including anaphylaxis, are rare but may happen in some patients, and may be life-threatening. Signs of allergic reaction to this medicine may be swelling of the face, feeling like your tongue or throat are swelling, trouble breathing, rash, itching, fever, chills, feeling dizzy, and/or feeling that your heart is beating in a fast or not normal way. **If this happens, do not take another dose of this medicine. You should get urgent medical treatment.**
- Severe allergic skin reaction. You may develop blisters on your skin that are filled with fluid or a severe red rash all over your body that may be painful.
- If you have had a serious reaction to penicillins, cephalosporins, or other medicines in the past, talk with your care team before taking amoxicillin.

**Note:** Some of the side effects above are very rare. If you have concerns and/or questions, please discuss them with your care team.

## How to Take Your Medicine

- Swallow the medicine with or without food.
- **For the oral suspension only:** Please refer to the instructions of the package insert or speak to your care team for proper preparation and administration of the oral suspension.
- **Missed dose:** If you vomit or miss a dose, contact your care team for instructions. Be sure to take medicine exactly as directed, do not skip doses, and complete a full course of therapy.
- **Overdosage:** If you think you have taken too much of this medicine contact a poison control center or emergency room at once.
- **Storage:** Store this medicine in the original container at room temperature. Keep out of the reach of children and pets.
- **For oral suspension only:** Refrigeration is preferred for the oral suspension but not required. Any unused reconstituted oral suspension should be thrown away after 14 days. Keep out of the reach of children and pets.

## Treating Side Effects

- Drink enough fluids to keep your urine pale yellow.
- If you throw up or have diarrhea, you should drink more fluids so that you do not become dehydrated (lack of water in the body from losing too much fluid).
- If you have diarrhea, eat low-fiber foods that are high in protein and calories and avoid foods that can irritate your digestive tracts or lead to cramping.
- Ask your care team about medicine that can lessen or stop your diarrhea.
- To help with nausea and vomiting, eat small, frequent meals instead of three large meals a day. Choose foods and drinks that are at room temperature. Ask your care team about other helpful tips and medicine that is available to help stop or lessen these symptoms.
- If you get a rash do not put anything on it unless your care team says you may. Keep the area around the rash clean and dry. Ask your care team for medicine if your rash bothers you.

## Food and Medicine Interactions

- There are no known interactions of amoxicillin with food.
- Check with your care team about all other prescription medicines and over-the-counter medicines and dietary supplements (vitamins, minerals, herbs, and others) you are taking before starting this medicine as there are known medicine interactions with amoxicillin. Also, check with your care team before starting any new prescription or over-the-counter medicines, or dietary supplements to make sure that there are no interactions.
- There are known interactions of amoxicillin with blood thinning medicine such as warfarin, oral birth control pills and other medicines. Ask your care team what precautions you should take.



- This medicine may interact with oral hormonal birth control (i.e., birth control pills) and affect how they work. Discuss with your care team what method of birth control may be right for you during your treatment.

## When to Call Your Care Team

Call your care team if you have any of these symptoms and/or any new or unusual symptoms:

- Nausea that stops you from eating or drinking and/or is not relieved by prescribed medicines
- Throwing up more than 3 times a day
- Diarrhea, 4 times in one day or diarrhea with lack of strength or a feeling of being dizzy
- Pain in your abdomen that does not go away
- Blood in your stool
- Flu-like symptoms: fever, headache, muscle and joint aches, and tiredness
- A new rash and/or itching or a rash that is not relieved by prescribed medicines
- Signs of allergic reaction: swelling of the face, feeling like your tongue or throat are swelling, trouble breathing, rash, itching, fever, chills, feeling dizzy, and/or feeling that your heart is beating in a fast or not normal way. **If this happens, call 911 for emergency care.**

## Reproduction Warnings

- **Pregnancy warning:** Talk with your care team if you are pregnant or planning to become pregnant while taking this medicine. Tell your care team right away if you think you might be pregnant.
- **Breastfeeding warning:** Talk with your care team about breastfeeding during treatment. You may need to stop breastfeeding.

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