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Taking amoxicillin-clavulanate safely

amoxicillin + clavulanate potassium · also sold as Augmentin

3 MISTAKES TO AVOID

1 Stopping early
Antibiotics work best when you take every dose until the bottle is empty.

2 Taking it the wrong way
Take it at the start of a meal, and keep the liquid form refrigerated.

3 Not telling us everything
Probenecid is not recommended with it, and allopurinol raises the chance of a rash.

How to take it

- **Take every dose**, spaced evenly through the day, until the bottle is empty, even once you feel well.
- **Take it at the start of a meal.** This helps it absorb and is easier on your stomach.
- **Liquid form:** keep it refrigerated, shake well before every dose, and throw away any that's left **10 days** after it was mixed.

Tell your pharmacist before you start (mistake #3)

- **Probenecid:** not recommended with it. **Allopurinol:** raises the chance of a rash.
- **Kidney problems?** Tell your pharmacist — your dose may need to be lower. **Mononucleosis (mono):** tell your provider first; amoxicillin often causes a rash in people with mono.
- Show us your full medicine list, including blood thinners.

IMPORTANT
Diarrhea that's severe or lasts more than 2-3 days? Call your doctor — watery or bloody diarrhea, even weeks after you finish, can be a serious gut infection called C diff.

- Repeated vomiting after a dose, especially in a child, needs medical care right away.

Don't wait out a rash

- A new rash, mouth sores, or any other sign of an allergy: stop the medicine and call your clinician right away.

EMERGENCY: CALL 911
Trouble breathing, throat swelling, or a severe blistering rash: get medical help right away.

Good to know

Amoxicillin-clavulanate only treats infections caused by bacteria, not colds or the flu. Taking it exactly as directed helps keep it working.

Questions? Ask Dr. Mike at fairviewpharm.com/medications

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