What Parents Should Know

Germs make people sick.
There are two main types of germs:
- Viruses
- Bacteria

Viruses go away on their own in time. Bacteria are the germs that can be treated with antibiotics. Antibiotics should only be used when a child has an illness caused by bacteria.

Why is amoxicillin a good choice for my child?
Compared to other antibiotics, amoxicillin is:
- Less likely to cause complications, such as diarrhea and upset stomach
- More effective for treating ear infections, sinus infections, strep throat and pneumonia
- Less likely than other commonly used antibiotics to create antibiotic-resistant bacteria

What antibiotic is the right choice for my child?
When antibiotics are necessary, it is important that your child receives an antibiotic that targets his or her specific bacterial infection.

Amoxicillin is the recommended antibiotic for most children with the following bacterial infections:
- Ear infection
- Sinus infection
- Strep throat
- Bacterial pneumonia

The American Academy of Pediatrics, the Infectious Diseases Society of America, and healthcare providers at The Children’s Hospital of Philadelphia recommend amoxicillin because it is generally safe and effective when used to treat these infections.

Please talk to your healthcare provider about why amoxicillin may be the best treatment for your child.