

OUTPATIENT MANAGEMENT OF PNEUMONIA IN CHILDREN (2-59 MONTHS)

Antibiotic therapy

GIVE ORAL AMOXICILLIN FOR 5 DAYS

AGE or WEIGHT	Amount of Amoxicillin to be given orally as syrup (125 mg per 5 ml) twice a day x 5 days	Amount of Amoxicillin to be given orally as a dispersible tablet (250 mg) twice a day x 5 days
2 months up to 4 months (4 kg to < 6 kg)	5 ml	½
4 months up to 12 months (6 kg to < 10 kg)	10 ml	1
12 months up to 3 years (10 kg to <14 kg)	15 ml	1 ½
3 years up to 5 years (14 kg to <20 kg)	—	2

Home care for cough and cold

- > An infant below 6 months who is exclusively breast fed should not be given any home remedy.
- > Breastfeeding should be continued.
- > Give the child a safe homemade soothing cough remedy if the child is older than 6 months of age, like honey, tulsi, ginger, herbal concoctions and other safe local home remedies. Avoid cough syrups.
- > Keep the nose clean by putting in nasal drops (boiled and cooled water with salt mixed in it) and by cleaning the nose with a soft cotton cloth.
- > The family should also be advised on how to administer medicines at home.

- > Look for signs of illness when to return:

- > **Child becomes sicker**
- > **Not able to drink or breastfeed**
- > **Fast breathing**
- > **Difficulty breathing**
- > **Develops a fever**

Follow up in 2 days

If any of these signs appear, the child should be immediately taken to ASHA or ANM or nearest health facility



Paste in casualty, emergency & paediatric ward.