

Dental Care for Dialysis Patients

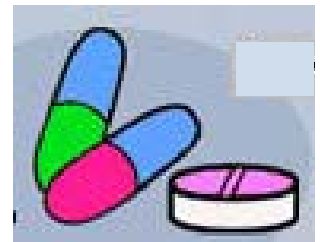
What does my child need before getting dental care?

Patients on dialysis need to take an antibiotic medicine before any dental work is done. This will help lower the risk of infection. If your child does not take the medicine, they could get an infection in their heart.

When does my child need to take the medicine?

Have your child take the medicine one hour before the dental work starts.

Most often the doctor will order Amoxicillin. The amount of medicine is based on your child's weight. If your child is allergic to Amoxicillin or Penicillin, **be sure to let the doctor know**. Something different can be ordered if needed.



What else do I need to know?

- Call the dialysis unit:
 - One week before your child's dental visit. Ask for a prescription for the medicine.
 - If your child has a reaction to the medicine.
 - With any questions or concerns.

CHW dialysis unit:

Mon – Fri: 9:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. (414) 266-2840

After hours (414) 266-2000, ask for the on-call dialysis nurse.

ALERT: Call your child's doctor, nurse, or clinic if you have any questions or concerns or if your child has special health care needs that were not covered by this information.

This teaching sheet is meant to help you care for your child. It does not take the place of medical care. Talk with your healthcare provider for diagnosis, treatment, and follow-up.