

MEDICATION DIRECTIONS

TO YOUR HEALTH - PATIENT EDUCATION HANDOUT

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IMPORTANT

Read and follow these directions for taking medications prescribed by the Student Dental. The prescriptions for these medications may be filled at the Student Health Services Pharmacy located on the first floor of the Student Health Center. If you cannot pay for these prescriptions at this time, you may bill the cost of this medication to your bursar account.

- Women may develop a yeast infection while taking an antibiotic. If this occurs, contact your medical provider for an appropriate treatment.
- Women taking oral contraceptives may want to use an additional form of birth control during the course of antibiotics.

BEFORE USING THIS MEDICATION. BE SURE TO TELL YOUR DENTIST IF YOU...

- Are allergic to any medicine.
- Are pregnant or intend to become pregnant while using this medicine.
- Are breast feeding.
- Are taking any other prescription or nonprescription medication.
- Have any other medical problems.

INFORMATION FOR ANTIBIOTICS

(such as Penicillin, Erythromycin, Doxycycline, Tetracycline, Clindamycin, Cephalexin, Amoxicillin)

- Do not skip doses.
- Complete entire course of antibiotics even if your symptoms go away.
- Report skin rash, itching, hives or severe diarrhea.
- Tetracycline and Ampicillin should be taken on an empty stomach.
- Doxycycline and Erythromycin should be taken with food to avoid stomach upset.
- Do not consume dairy products within two hours of taking Doxycycline or Tetracycline.
- Avoid unnecessary sun exposure or tanning while taking Doxycycline or Tetracycline. If you must be in the sun, wear SPF of 15 or greater.

INFORMATION FOR PAIN RELIEVERS (such as Naproxen, Tylenol #3, Ibuprofen)

- Take as directed by your dentist, by following the directions on the label of your prescription bottle.
- Take pain medication in the amounts prescribed and no more frequently than prescribed.
- To prevent nausea take pain medications with food. If gastric upset persists, contact your dentist.
- Avoid drinking alcohol while taking pain medications.
- Some pain medications can impair reflexes or coordination. Avoid tasks that require alertness (e.g. driving) while taking these medications.
- Check with your pharmacist before taking additional over-the-counter pain medications.

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