Te Whatu Ora
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AMOXICILLIN (capsule or liquid)

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What does it do?

Amoxicillin is an antibiotic used to treat and prevent bacterial infections. It is sometimes used with *amoxicillin* and *clavulanic acid* for certain infections.

Before you start

- Tell your doctor if you have kidney problems, glandular fever, or if you are allergic to penicillin antibiotics.
- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.
- Tell your doctor if you have phenylketonuria (PKU). The *amoxicillin* liquid may contain aspartame (a source of phenylalanine).

How should you take it?

Take *amoxicillin* regularly as directed. You can take it with or without food. Keep taking it until the course is finished, even if you start to feel better.
Capsule: Take with a glass of water.
Liquid: Shake well before use. Measure each dose carefully with an oral syringe or measuring spoon.

What if you forget a dose?

Take the missed dose as soon as possible and continue as directed.

Can you take other medicines?

Tell your pharmacist or doctor about all medicines or treatments that you may be taking, including vitamins, herbal products or recreational drugs.

What side effects might you notice?

Side Effects	Recommended action
Symptoms of allergy including: skin rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing	Tell your doctor immediately
Severe or persistent diarrhoea, abdominal pain	Tell your doctor
Small white sores in mouth, furry tongue (oral thrush) Vaginal itch or discharge (vaginal thrush)	Tell your health professional
Stomach upset	Tell your doctor if troublesome

If you notice any other effects, discuss them with your doctor or pharmacist.

Other information:

- Store *amoxicillin* liquid as directed. Once the course is finished, take any leftover liquid back to your pharmacy.