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➤ Give an Appropriate Oral Antibiotic

➤ FOR PNEUMONIA AND ACUTE EAR INFECTION:

FIRST-LINE ANTIBIOTIC: **COTRIMOXAZOLE**

SECOND-LINE ANTIBIOTIC: **AMOXYCILLIN**

PROPHYLAXIS FOR SYMPTOMATIC HIV POSITIVE (+VE) CHILD: **COTRIMOXAZOLE**

	COTRIMOXAZOLE (trimethoprim +sulphamethoxazole)			AMOXYCILLIN	
				Give three times daily for 5 days	
	➤ Give two times daily for 5 days for pneumonia and ear infection ➤ Give once everyday continuously for symptomatic HIV positive				
AGE or WEIGHT	ADULT TABLET 80mg trimethoprim + 400mg sulphamethoxazole	PAEDIATRIC TABLET 20mg trimethoprim + 100mg sulphamethoxazole	SYRUP 40 mg trimethoprim + 200mg sulphamethoxazole per 5 ml	TABLET 250mg	SYRUP 125mg per 5 ml
2 months up to 12 months (4 - <10kg)	1/2	2	5.0ml	1/2	5.0ml
12 months up to 5 years (10 – 19 kg)	1	3	7.5ml	1	10ml

FIRST –LINE ANTIBIOTIC FOR SHIGELLA: **NALIDIXIC ACID**

Give Nalidixic Acid for 5 days.

	NALIDIXIC ACID
	➤ Give four times daily for 5 days
AGE or WEIGHT	TABLET 250mg
2 months up to 4 months (4 - <6kg)	1/4
4 months up to 12 months (6 - <10)	1/2
12 months up to 5 years (10 – 19kg)	1

FIRST-LINE ANTIBIOTIC FOR CHOLERA: **ERYTHROMYCIN**

SECOND-LINE ANTIBIOTIC FOR CHOLERA: **CHLORAMPHENICOL**

	ERYTHROMYCIN		CHLORAMPHENICOL SYRUP FOR CHOLERA
	➤ Give four times daily for 3 days		125 mg/5 ml
AGE or WEIGHT	TABLET 250mg	SYRUP 125mg per 5 ml	➤ Give four times daily for 3 days
2 months up to 4 months (4 - <6 kg)	1/4	2.5ml	2.5ml
4 months up to 12 months (6 - <10 kg)	1/2	5.0ml	5.0ml
12 months up to 5 years (10 – 19kg)	1	10ml	7.5ml