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## Ear infection in children: questions to ask your doctor

**If your child has been diagnosed with an ear infection, you may want to talk to your doctor to find out more.**

Here are some questions that you might want to ask.

- How do you know that my child has an ear infection?
- What kind of ear infection does my child have?
- What causes ear infections?
- Will antibiotics help? Will my child get better without them?
- What are the treatment options for my child?
- What can I do to relieve my child's ear pain? What should I do if my child has a high temperature?
- Can I do anything to stop my child getting more ear infections? What if my child gets ear infections often?
- Will getting the flu and pneumonia vaccines help prevent ear infections?

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