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## Amoxicillin

Amoxicillin is an antibiotic taken by mouth for the treatment of certain sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

### Allergies

- Tell your healthcare provider if you have an allergy to any penicillin antibiotics (e.g., amoxicillin, penicillin V-K) or any cephalosporin antibiotic (e.g., cefixime (Suprax®), cephalexin (Keflex®), cefaclor (Ceclor®)).

### Pregnancy and Chest/Breastfeeding

- Amoxicillin may be taken during pregnancy and chest/breastfeeding. Please consult your healthcare provider.

### CAUTION

- Allow 24 hours or more to elapse between administration of the last dose of amoxicillin and oral live typhoid vaccine (Vivotif®).
- **Drug Interactions:** Please note that individual drug interactions are no longer listed in this document. If you are taking any prescription, non-prescription, herbal, or recreational products, please discuss with your healthcare provider

### Side effects

- You may experience diarrhea, nausea, or vomiting.
- Get emergency medical help immediately, if you have the following signs of an allergic reaction: hives, difficulty breathing, swelling of the face, lips, tongue and throat.

### Instructions for Taking

- Take medication with or without food until finished. Follow dosage instructions from your healthcare provider.
- If you miss a dose, take that dose as soon as you remember, but if it is almost time for your next dose, skip the missed dose. Do not take a double dose.

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### Storage Instructions

- Store at room temperature between 15 and 30°C.
- Protect from light, heat, and moisture.
- Do not use medications beyond the labeled expiry date.
- Keep away from the reach of children.

### Special Instructions

- Do not have sex until:
  - You have completed your treatment , **and**
  - Your sex partner(s) have also been treated, and one week has passed since the start of their treatment, even if their test results are negative.
- You will need retreatment if you have sex with an untreated partner, or if you have sex before either you or your partner's treatment is complete. Please discuss with your healthcare provider.
- **Test of Cure:** If your healthcare provider has prescribed amoxicillin to treat chlamydia or gonorrhea, it is recommended that you **repeat the test in 3-4 weeks after completion of treatment to ensure that the infection is gone.**

If you have any questions or need further information, please visit <http://www.smartsexresource.com> or contact your healthcare provider.