



Amoxicillin Rash

What is an amoxicillin rash?

An ampicillin or amoxicillin rash is a skin rash that occurs when a child is taking one of these medicines. The rash usually appears on the 5th day after the child starts taking the medicine, but may appear earlier or as late as the 16th day.

Symptoms of the rash include:

- pink or red spots/mildly itchy
- small, flat, nonitchy spots
- always on the main body (trunk)
- may spread to the face or extremities.

What is the cause?

5% to 10% of children taking amoxicillin get a skin rash. This is a harmless rash and does not mean that your child has an allergy to ampicillin, amoxicillin, or other penicillin drugs.

How long does it last?

The rash usually lasts 3 days, with a range of 1 to 6 days.

How is it treated?

No treatment is necessary. Keep your child on the amoxicillin until the medicine is gone. The rash will disappear just as quickly whether or not your child continues the medication. Your child can take amoxicillin in the future when necessary and probably won't get a rash the next time.

When should I call Idaho Falls Pediatrics?

Call the office Mon-Fri 8:00AM to 8:00PM / Sat. 10:00AM to 6:00PM, if:

- **The rash becomes raised.**
- **The rash changes to hives.**
- **The rash becomes itchy.**
- **The rash lasts more than 6 days.**
- **You have other concerns or questions.**

*NOTE: This information is provided as a public educational service. The information does not replace any of the instructions your physician gives you. If you have a medical emergency please call the Hospital at (208) 529-6111. If you have questions about your child's care, please call Idaho Falls Pediatrics at (208) 522-4600.