

A parent's guide to ear infections



**Helping your
child cope with
a normal part
of growing up.**



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Suprax® is indicated for otitis media in children aged 6 months and older due to *H. influenzae*, *M. catarrhalis*, or *S. pyogenes*.

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Oral suspension 100 mg/5 mL

Some important facts to make you and your child feel better

An ear infection, also known as otitis media, is an infection that occurs in the middle ear. 2 out of every 3 children will get a middle ear infection before they're 3 years old and many children have

repeat infections up until 6 years of age.

While they usually improve with treatment, untreated infections can lead to permanent hearing loss. So it is important to have your child seen by a doctor if you suspect a middle ear infection. In the meantime, this guide should answer some of your questions.



The causes and symptoms of middle ear infections

The middle ear contains the eardrum, bones that help us hear, and the eustachian tube, which connects the ear to the nasal cavity. When a child gets a cold, bacteria can move up this tube to the middle ear. Because children's eustachian tubes are short and not yet positioned at the optimal angle for drainage, pus and fluid can become trapped in the tube behind the eardrum, causing pressure and pain. Children who are too young to speak often tug on their ears in response to this pain. Other symptoms include irritability, crying, head shaking, restless sleep, pink eye, and fever.



Treating ear infections with Suprax®

Suprax® is an antibiotic that works by killing bacteria. Suprax® does not kill viruses, so it is not appropriate for viral infections such as the common cold or the flu.

Suprax® has been chosen by your doctor for its ability to fight the bacteria that cause middle ear infections. To work properly, Suprax® must be taken exactly as your doctor has directed and for the full number of days. Always give the recommended dose at the proper time. Don't stop the antibiotics too soon or use leftovers from a previous prescription.

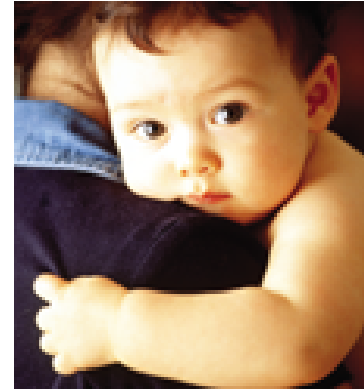
The added benefits of Suprax®

- Once-a-day dosing. Try to give your child Suprax® at the same time every day.
- New Big-Berry™ taste.
- Can be taken with or without meals.
- No refrigeration required.
- Can be given to children 6 months and older.
- Contains no artificial dye.

Please see complete prescribing information at www.suprax.info.

Be sure to tell your doctor about any medications your child is taking. Always tell the doctor if your child is allergic to any medications, including penicillin or cephalosporin antibiotics.

Suprax® is well tolerated. The most common side effects of Suprax® oral suspension are gastrointestinal (diarrhea, loose stools, abdominal pain, nausea). Suprax® may rarely cause an allergic reaction (trouble breathing, rash, swelling) or severe diarrhea. If this happens it can be serious, so stop the medicine and call your doctor immediately. See the product information for complete details, including a summary of side effects.



Your physician or pharmacist can provide you with full prescribing information. You can also find that information at www.suprax.info.



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Making your child more comfortable

Since antibiotics do not treat pain

and fever, control these symptoms with medications such as over-the-counter pain relievers. It is also important to give your child lots of fluids. Do not



force your child to eat or drink, but monitor their urine output, as low urine output is one of the first signs of dehydration.

For more information on Suprax,[®] ask your doctor or pharmacist.

And don't forget to take advantage of the enclosed coupon for up to \$10 off your co-pay.