

MRN

Drug Challenge

Your child has successfully completed the hospital-based part of the drug challenge.

The challenge has either been:

- **Positive** – had symptoms to the drug and must avoid any further doses of the drug.
- **Negative** – No reaction to the drug. Your G.P. will be informed of this result.

If your child is having an antibiotic challenge, you will be given a further 3 days of antibiotic to complete the course.

Once home, your child should avoid strenuous play and activities for the rest of the day as this could bring on a delayed reaction.

Some children unfortunately may have a delayed reaction which can occur 6 – 48 hours after the challenge. The sign of an allergic reaction may be:

- Nausea and vomiting
- Diarrhoea
- Tummy ache
- Worsening of their eczema
- Runny nose and eyes
- Swelling of face, eyes hands and feet
- Pale and floppy
- Generalised blotchy rash
- Hives anywhere on the body
- Wheezing and coughing
- Itching and swelling in the mouth
- Tight throat
- Difficulty in breathing or swallowing
- Weakness or floppiness

If a reaction occurs:

- Follow your child's treatment plan.
- See your GP if it is an increase in eczema or a mild reaction.
- Ring 999 if the reaction is severe or includes difficulty in breathing.

If your child has had a delayed reaction or if you have any concerns, please contact the allergy team on:

Allergy nurse – 01803 655868

Short Stay Paediatric Unit – 01803 655492

Contact details

For more

Information Contact:

Louisa Cary Ward

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Short Stay

Paediatric

Assessment Unit

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PATIENT INFORMATION

Following Your Child's Drug Challenge

LOUISA CARY WARD and
SHORT STAY PAEDIATRIC
ASSESSMENT – Information
for Patients and Carers

For further assistance or to receive this information in a different format, please contact the department which created this leaflet.

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