

## PATIENT INFORMATION

# Following your child's drug challenge

Information for parents / carers

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

Drug which has been challenged:

The has either been:

**Positive (fail)**—had symptoms to the drug and must avoid any further doses of the drug.

**Negative (pass)** - had no reaction to the drug.

Your GP will be informed of this result.

If your child has had 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
- Generalise 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.
- Attend your local ED if the reaction is severe or includes difficulty in breathing.

**If worried, ring 999**

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

SSPAU-Short Stay Paediatric Assessment Unit (08:30am to 9:00pm): 01803 655492

Louisa Cary Ward (out of hours): 01803 655526 / 01803 655531

***Useful Allergy information websites***

<https://www.allergyuk.org/> <https://www.anaphylaxis.org.uk/>  
<https://www.theallergyteam.com/> <https://allergylifestyle.com/>  
<https://www.epipen.co.uk> <https://www.eczema.org/>

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