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PATIENT INSTRUCTION SHEET

**EAR INFECTION**

Your child has a bacterial infection in his/her ear(s). The infection may be causing ear pain and fever.

The doctor has prescribed an antibiotic for the infection. Sometimes, **it may take a few days for the antibiotic to work, so the fever may continue for 2-3 more days.** It is important that you continue to give your child the antibiotic as prescribed.

You can lower the fever and ease the pain by giving:

1.  $\alpha$  TYLENOL \_\_\_\_\_ EVERY 4 HOURS

**OR**

$\alpha$  MOTRIN \_\_\_\_\_ EVERY 6 HOURS

2. Another way to control pain is by using ear drops that numb the ear drum and provide additional comfort to the child. The ear drops (approximately 2-3 drops) can be used every 2-3 hours as needed.

3. **But most important is the:**

**ANTIBIOTIC:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DOSE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **EVERY** \_\_\_\_\_ **HOURS**

This will cure the ear infection. However, if the fever continues or the pain worsens, for **more** than 2-3 days or if your child's condition is worsening, bring him/her back to the office.

**Special Instructions:** \_\_\_\_\_

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If you have any questions, please call.