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PATIENT INSTRUCTION SHEET

IMPETIGO

Your child has a skin infection called **IMPETIGO** which is caused by bacteria (usually Staph or Strep). We treat this bacterial infection with a skin ointment or an oral antibiotic. To help prevent the infection from spreading to other parts of your child's skin, wash the affected areas gently but thoroughly every day with a liquid antibacterial soap.

Your child has been given:

1. Oral (take by mouth) antibiotic:

Name _____ Dose: _____ tsp/ml _____ times a day for _____ days.

2. Antibiotic ointment:

Name: _____ Apply it to each infected area _____ times a day for _____ days.

The infection can spread by scratching, so encourage your child not to touch the rash. He or she may return to school when the crusts are gone and no new ones appear.

Special Instructions: _____

If you have any questions, please call.