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PATIENT INSTRUCTION SHEET

THROAT CULTURES

Your child's Rapid Strep Test was negative, making it very unlikely (> 95%) that your child has a strep throat infection. In order to confirm this result, a throat culture has been taken and is now being processed in our laboratory.

We will have the results within 48 hours. If the throat culture is **POSITIVE**, the office will notify you of the correct medication for your child. Please make sure that we have a way to reach you (phone, cell phone, pager). If you do not have a telephone, please call 516-543-5000 within the next 2 days.

If the throat culture is **NEGATIVE**, we **WILL NOT** call you. This means there is **NO** strep infection, and your child's sore throat is most likely due to an infection from a virus. There is **NO MEDICATION** for a virus and the sore throat (**and fever**) will go away on its own **within a few days**.

You can make your child comfortable by avoiding fluids that contain a lot of acid (orange and grapefruit) and by giving:

MOTRIN _____ EVERY 6 HOURS

OR

TYELNOL _____ EVERY 4 HOURS

If you have any questions, please call.