

Medication Effects Case Scenarios

Directions: read the following examples. Using your handouts, answer the questions.

1. Jimmy has been out sick for two days with an ear infection. Today, Jimmy's mother arrives and tells you that Jimmy is feeling better and can return to your program. She tells you that Jimmy is now taking amoxicillin to treat the ear infection. At 1:55 pm, you gave Jimmy his 2 pm dose of Amoxicillin. Around 2:30 pm Jimmy gets an upset stomach.
 - a. In this scenario, what is the desired effect of the amoxicillin?
 - b. What is the undesired effect?
 - c. What type of side effect is this?
 - d. What should you do?

2. Kari has numerous allergies to medication including many antibiotics. She is taking an antibiotic called Septra® for an upper respiratory infection she's had for a week. Since the medication is given twice a day she is not getting any medication at the program. When her mother drops her off at 8 AM, she tells you that she gave Kari her AM dose about ½ hour ago. Her mom wants you to be on the lookout for any diarrhea since she had some last night. About 8:30AM you notice Kari itching at her face and hands. Looking closely, you see a faint red rash on Kari's face.
 - a. What type of side effect is this?
 - b. What should you do?