Medicine Information **Hospital:**

Cephalexin (suspension)

Your child has been given a supply of CEPHALEXIN (suspension).

Take ___ mls every ___ hours for ___ days.

Cephalexin is an antibiotic medication, and has been given to your child to treat a suspected urinary tract infection (UTI).

Do not administer this medication to your child if he or she has had an allergic reaction to other cephalosporin antibiotics. Do not administer this medication to your child if he/she has had a serious allergic reaction to penicillin.

All medicines have side effects. Sometimes they are serious, but most of the time they are not. Medical attention may be needed if your child shows some of the side effects.

Tell your doctor if your child develops any of these common side effects:

- sore or white mouth or tongue (oral thrush)
- sore and itchy vagina and/or discharge (another form of thrush)
- diarrhoea
- nausea/vomiting
- dizziness
- unusual tiredness/weakness
- abdominal pain

Report to the Emergency Department should your child develop sudden signs of allergy such as rash, itching or hives on the skin with swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body, shortness of breath, wheezing or has trouble breathing.

It is important to complete the full course that has been provided, even if your child begins to feel better after a few days. If not, the bacteria causing the infection may not clear completely and symptoms may return.

Your doctor may prescribe a change of antibiotics when your child is reviewed. Your child will no longer need to continue on cephalexin if this occurs.

Additional Instructions

Seeking help:

In a medical emergency go to your nearest emergency department or call 000.

Emergency Care Institute
NEW SOUTH WALES

Disclaimer: This information answers some common questions about cephalexin. If you have any concerns, consult your doctor or other health professional to make sure this information is right for you.