

## Medication Safety

What medicines is your child taking now? - Write them here

Over the counter (vitamins, herbals, etc)

Prescribed

What medicines have they taken in the past? Write them here

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Prescribed

- Always ask for childproof containers and leave the medications in those containers with the tops solidly in place.
- Be sure to read the information that the pharmacist gives you. If you have questions, please call us before making changes in our instructions for your child.
- Never share prescription medications or take medicines prescribed for someone else unless you consult with us first.
- Check expiration dates on your medicines and throw away expired medicines at least once a year. Remember that many medicines must be thrown away after no more than 2 weeks.
- Be sure you know:
  - Side effects or drug interactions and what to do if they occur
  - How and when you are to give the medicine
  - How long the medicine should be given
  - What to do if you forget a dose
  - Exact spelling of the drug, its purpose, and whether it is a brand name or generic drug
- Hospitals are working on patient safety measures also. You can go to the website of the Leapfrog Group by going to [www.leapfroggroup.com](http://www.leapfroggroup.com)