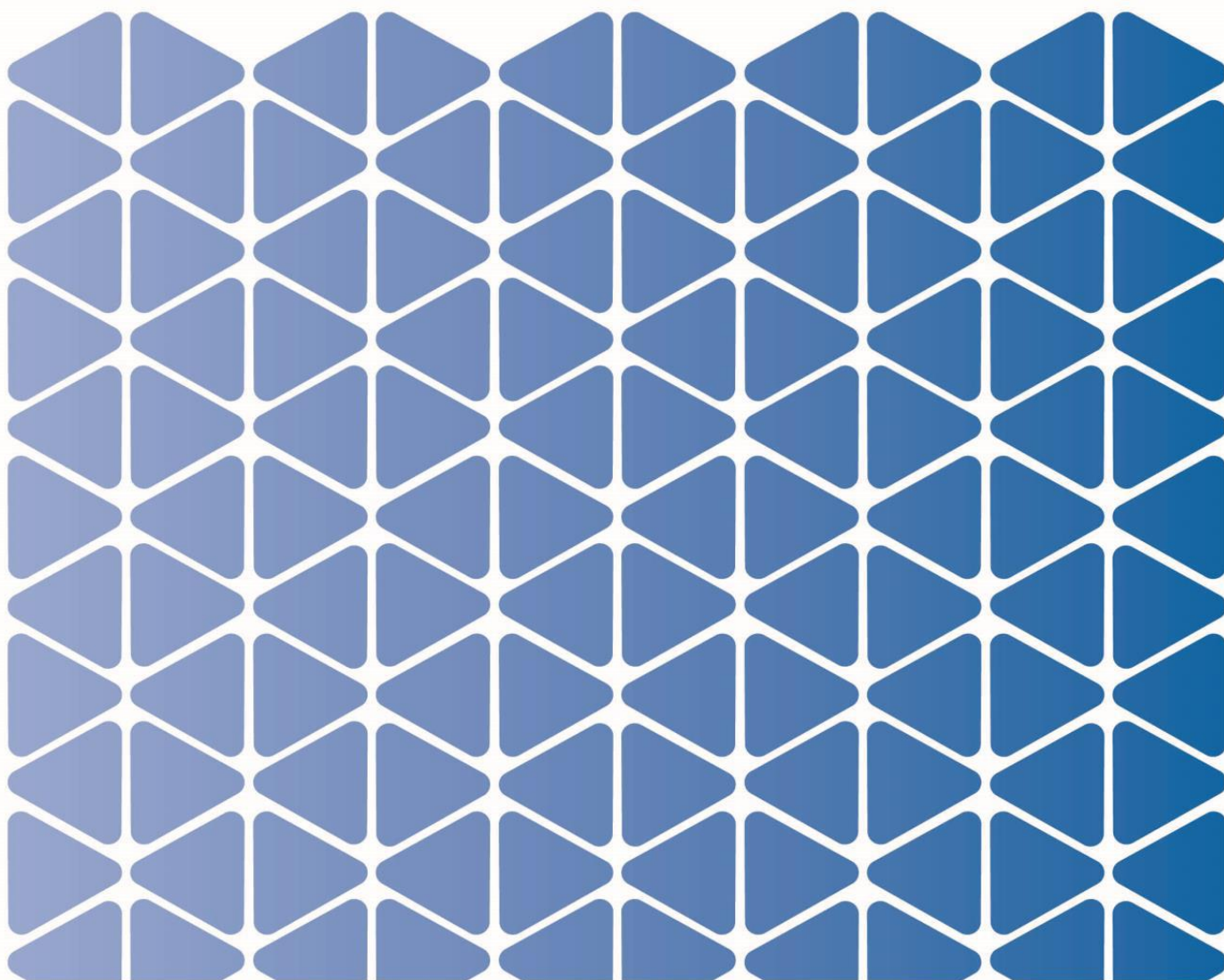


PATIENT INFORMATION

AFTER YOUR ANTIBIOTIC DRUG CHALLENGE



Your child has received one dose of medication during their antibiotic drug challenge and not shown any symptoms of an allergic reaction. Most allergic reactions occur immediately or within one - two hours after consuming it.

You now need to continue giving your child the antibiotic, as prescribed, at home. This is usually for a further three or five days. We ask you to do this at home because it is important that we complete the recommended course, so we do not cause any antibiotic resistance and because we need to know that your child can tolerate a full course of medication without any 'late phase reactions'.

Very occasionally, 'late phase' reactions can occur. If in the unlikely event your child develops mild/moderate late phase reactions including hives, itchy skin, runny nose, swollen itchy eyes, vomiting or diarrhoea, then administer a dose of cetirizine (antihistamine) and contact the allergy team. Late phase reactions are rarely serious but are important to document in your child's medical record.

Cetirizine doses:

Ages 1-2 – 2.5mg (2.5mls)

Ages 2-6 – 5mg (5mls)

Ages 6+ - 10mg (10mls)

If the late phase reaction requires urgent medical attention. Dial 999 asking for an ambulance and say 'Anaphylaxis'.

Symptoms would include:

- Difficulty in breathing – wheezing, constant coughing, noisy breathing, laboured breathing
- Change in consciousness level – fainting, floppy, unconscious

If your child has these symptoms and you have an Adrenaline Auto Injector then please administer it and call 999

Stop giving them the prescribed drug challenge medication

If any mild/moderate symptoms are persisting or your child is unwell in other ways, you also have open access to Riverbank Children's Ward (ground floor of Worcester Royal Hospital) for 24 hours following the food challenge. This means you can speak to a nurse or doctor for an assessment. Riverbank Ward telephone number is: 01905 760588

After the antibiotic course has been completed:

Please contact the allergy team either by text, telephone or email to let them know the outcome of the challenge. We want to know if they have reacted AND if there have been no reactions. Only after the antibiotic course has been completed do we write to your GP with the outcome.

If there are no signs of an allergic reaction during the five day medication course then your child is not allergic to the antibiotic and can be prescribed this again in the future, if required.

Return to school:

Your child should have a restful afternoon on the day of the drug challenge where you can continue to observe them. If they are well then they can return to school the next day but continue to take the antibiotics as prescribed

Allergy Team Contact information:

Allergy Nurse Mobile: 07564 848463 (please leave a message if no answer)

Allergy Team Email: wah-tr.paediatricallergy@nhs.net

Children's clinic: 01905 733477

If your symptoms or condition worsens, or if you are concerned about anything, please call your GP, 111, or 999.

Patient Experience

We know that being admitted to hospital can be a difficult and unsettling time for you and your loved ones. If you have any questions or concerns, please do speak with a member of staff on the ward or in the relevant department who will do their best to answer your questions and reassure you.

Feedback

Feedback is really important and useful to us – it can tell us where we are working well and where improvements can be made. There are lots of ways you can share your experience with us including completing our Friends and Family Test – cards are available and can be posted on all wards, departments and clinics at our hospitals. We value your comments and feedback and thank you for taking the time to share this with us.

Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS)

If you have any concerns or questions about your care, we advise you to talk with the nurse in charge or the department manager in the first instance as they are best placed to answer any questions or resolve concerns quickly. If the relevant member of staff is unable to help resolve your concern, you can contact the PALS Team. We offer informal help, advice or support about any aspect of hospital services & experiences.

Our PALS team will liaise with the various departments in our hospitals on your behalf, if you feel unable to do so, to resolve your problems and where appropriate refer to outside help.

If you are still unhappy you can contact the Complaints Department, who can investigate your concerns. You can make a complaint orally, electronically or in writing and we can advise and guide you through the complaints procedure.

How to contact PALS:

Telephone Patient Services: 0300 123 1732 or via email at: wah-tr.PET@nhs.net

Opening times:

The PALS telephone lines are open Monday to Thursday from 8.30am to 4.30pm and Friday: 8.30am to 4.00pm. Please be aware that a voicemail service is in use at busy times, but messages will be returned as quickly as possible.

If you are unable to understand this leaflet, please communicate with a member of staff.