

Can These Medications Be Given Together For My Child?

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Introduction

We are commonly asked if different medications can be given together. This is an appropriate question to ask because there *are* medications that should NOT be given together. The good news is **so many of the medications given to children can safely be given together.**

Medications

All of the following medications can be safely given together:

- **Antibiotics** including amoxicillin, cefdinir/Omnicef®, amoxicillin-clavulanate/Augmentin®, azithromycin/Zithromax®, cephalexin/Keflex®, and trimethoprim-sulfamethoxazole/Bactrim®.
- **Antihistamines** including Benadryl®/diphenhydramine, Claritin®/loratidine, Zyrtec®/cetirizine, and Allegra®/fexofendadine.
- **Decongestants** including pseudoephedrine/Sudafed®.
- **Cough suppressants** including dextromethorphan, the active ingredient in over the counter cough medications including Delsym®. It also includes codeine-containing cough medications that are prescription-only, such as Hycodan® (hydrocodone and homotropine).
- **Fever reducers/pain relievers** including acetaminophen/Tylenol® and ibuprofen/Motrin® and Advil®.
- **Antacids** such as calcium carbonate/Tums®, aluminum carbonate/Maalox® and Mylanta®, and Mylanta®, ranitidine/Zantac®, omeprazole/Prilosec®, lansoprazole/Prevacid®, and esomeprazole/Nexium®.
- **Medications used to treat ADD and ADHD** including Concerta®, Vyvanse®, Adderall® and Adderall XR®, Focalin® and Focalin XR®, Intuniv®, Strattera®, Quillivant®, Daytrana®, and Kapvay®.
- **Medications used to treat anxiety, depression, and obsessive-compulsive disorder** including Prozac®, Zoloft®, citalopram/Celeza®, Welbutrin®, Paxil®.