

# Ear Infections

Ear infections are the most common reason for kids to visit a doctor. Here are some ways to help your child feel better.



## **Know the signs**

- · More crying than usual
- · Trouble sleeping or hearing
- · Fever or headache
- Liquid coming out of one ear (or both)

#### **Watch and wait**

- Most ear infections get better in a few days
- Antibiotics (medicine to get rid of germs that cause infections) may not always help your child to get better faster





### Try pain and fever medicine

- TYLENOL® or MOTRIN® can help relieve ear pain
- Infants' and Children's TYLENOL® reduces pain and fever while being gentle on tummies
- Infants' and Children's MOTRIN® works fast and lasts up to 8 hours, so it can be a good choice when your child needs relief that lasts through the night

# Tips

- Wash hands often with soap and water to stop germs from spreading
- Keep their vaccines up to date.
  Ask your healthcare professional about your child's shot schedule
- Keep your child away from secondhand smoke

- Hold baby with head higher than stomach to feed, so breast milk or formula can't drain into ear
- Make sure your child takes all the doses as directed, if your healthcare professional prescribes an antibiotic