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ALERT

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To: Health Care Providers in Yamhill County

From: Yamhill County Public Health

Date: **12/22/2022**

Regarding: Amoxicillin oral suspension shortage

Phone number for follow-up: **(503) 434-7483**



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The United States is currently experiencing high levels of respiratory virus activity in multiple jurisdictions, and these infections are straining medication supply chains. There is a national shortage of amoxicillin oral suspension which is expected to persist for months.

We recommend that pharmacists to increase stock of alternatives to amoxicillin oral suspension not affected by the national shortage including:

- amoxicillin tablets
- amoxicillin capsules
- amoxicillin chewable tablets

For patients who are unable to swallow whole tablets or capsules, tablets may be cut or crushed and mixed in liquid or food. Similarly, capsules may be opened and mixed in liquid or food.

Amoxicillin is widely overprescribed and all clinicians should review evidence-based guidance for the treatment of otitis media and upper respiratory tract infections. The American Academy of Pediatrics has published a guide to antibiotic options for common pediatric conditions during the amoxicillin shortage [here](#).

<https://publications.aap.org/redbook/resources/22761?autologincheck=redirected>

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