

A medication information leaflet for paediatric patients

HOW TO USE AN ORAL SYRINGE



	<p>An oral syringe is a measuring device used to accurately measure liquid medications which are then given to your child by mouth</p>
	<p>STEP: 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Shake the liquid medicine well before use • Remove the cap from the medicine bottle before measuring the dose
	<p>STEP: 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Place the tip of the syringe into the liquid medicine
	<p>STEP: 3</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pull the syringe plunger back so that the liquid medicine is pulled into the syringe to the point on the syringe barrel that corresponds to the dose prescribed by your doctor • Ask your pharmacist to demonstrate if unsure



STEP: 4

- Carefully remove the syringe. If there are air bubbles, flick the syringe barrel so that the bubbles reach the top of the syringe and then gently press the plunger to push them out
- Check that the bottom of the rubber stopper on the plunger is at the right mark on the syringe - this means that syringe has been filled with the right amount of medicine and that the dose is correct
- If the dose is not correct repeat steps 2 and 3
- Gently put the tip of the syringe into your child's mouth and to the inside of the cheek
- Slowly push the plunger down to gently squirt the medicine into the inside of the cheek
- Allow the child to swallow
- **Do not** forcefully squirt the medicine to the back of the mouth or throat or the child may choke
- Remove the syringe from the mouth
- Replace the lid on the bottle of medicine
- Rinse the syringe in warm water and leave to dry
- Repeat the above for each dose as directed by your doctor or pharmacist

Keep all medicines out of reach of children

Read this leaflet and discuss any questions you have about your medicines with your doctor or pharmacist.