

## "No Benefit from Amoxicillan"

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A randomized double blind clinical trial of children ages 3-6 recently released from the Agency for Health Care Policy and Research (AHCPR), concluded that "there was no benefit from amoxicillan prophylaxis compared to a placebo control in preventing new AOM (acute otitis media) episodes."

Free of AOM (%)

30-90 Days:

Placebo Group: 71% Otitis Free

Daily Amoxicillan Group: 65% Otitis Free

Twice Daily Amoxicillan Group: 62% Otitis Free

3 Months or Longer:

Placebo Group: 54% Otitis Free

Daily Amoxicillan Group: 63% Otitis Free

Twice Daily Amoxicillan Group: 60% Otitis Free

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*SOURCE:* Berman S. Continuous twice daily or once daily amoxicillan prophylaxis compared to placebo for children with recurrent otitis media. Agency for Health Care Policy and Research grant no.: RO3 HS07283-02.

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