Doxycycline Suspension for Babies

How to give Doxycycline Suspension To Your Child

- Mix the medicine as shown to the right.
- Shake the medicine for about 15 seconds before measuring out the next dose.
- After it is mixed, keep the medicine in the refrigerator. It may be kept covered in the refrigerator for 14 days.
- Measure the amount of liquid medicine for your child’s dose, as marked below.
- Give 1 or 2 doses each day. Give the medicine in the morning. If your child is to have 2 doses each day, give the medicine in the evening also. Follow the schedule marked below for your child.
- To make it taste better, the suspension can be mixed with a small amount of food or juice. **Be sure the child takes all this mixture to get the full dose of medicine.**

Mixing Instructions

1. Open the bottle. Press down on the cap as you twist it to the left.
2. Measure 1.5 ounces of water in the medicine cup you were given. (45ml = 1.5 ounces)
3. Add the water to the medicine powder.
4. Close the bottle. Be sure the cap is on tight. Shake the bottle well for about 15 seconds. The medicine is ready for use.

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<th>Child’s weight</th>
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<td>Under 12.5 pounds (&lt;6 kg)</td>
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Directions for Anthrax Prevention for Children Under 55 Pounds using Doxycycline 25mg/5ml Suspension
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