

Strep Throat – Get a Test!



What is strep throat?

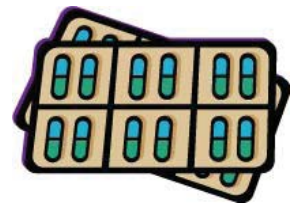
Strep throat is an infection of the throat. It is common in children between the ages of 5 and 15, but others can also get it. Strep throat often starts suddenly with a fever and a sore throat, and it can be hard to swallow. You can get strep throat from someone else who has it.

What do I need to know?

Most sore throats are caused by a virus, and will get better without medication. But strep throat is caused by bacteria and must be treated with an antibiotic. Taking the antibiotic will help prevent serious problems from the illness. It will also help prevent the strep throat from spreading to another person.

What do I need to do?

The only way to know if your child has strep throat is to have your doctor or clinic do a strep test. If the test is positive, your doctor will give you antibiotics. Antibiotics should only be taken for sore throats if the strep test is positive.



Call your doctor if you think your child could have a strep infection, and get tested.

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