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## **INSTRUCTIONS FOR TAKING MEDICATION**

Take the medication exactly as prescribed so it will accomplish what it's meant to. If you are given a prescription of antibiotics like Penicillin or Eryc Caps, take it as scheduled around the clock, even at night time. It is easiest to take it before you retire at night, and the first thing in the morning then at lunch and dinner. However, continue taking the antibiotics until the tooth or infection is taken care of even if you have to get the prescription filled.

For pain medications, do not take it on an empty stomach because it will make you nauseous. Any pain medication should not be taken with alcohol, and operation of any machinery or driving should be done with great caution or not at all.

If an allergic reaction occurs, like rash or hives, or itching, difficulty breathing, or faintness, call the office immediately, or your physician. Immediate attention is vital.

## **WARNING**

Many antibiotics commonly used in dentistry interfere with the action of oral contraceptives and can result in unexpected pregnancies. If you are going to be on long term antibiotic therapy, consult with your physician about using a higher dose of contraceptive or using an additional method of contraceptive.