



HIV Medication Guidelines

Your child must take every dose of his or her medications at the prescribed time. Missing doses can cause HIV to become resistant to the medicines. Virus resistance will make your child's infection progress faster.

It is very important that you bring all your child's medications with you to each follow-up appointment with the HIV Program at Riley at IU Health. The care team will want to review your child's medication list at each visit. Sometimes doses must be adjusted to account for your child's growth.

Report Side Effects

Report all side effects that your child is experiencing to the nurse or doctor each time you visit the HIV Program. Your child's doctor may adjust medications based on these side effects.

If unexpected or excessive side effects occur between clinic visits, be sure to call your child's care team to report these side effects.

Managing Your Child's Medications

You will receive medication information sheets with each medication prescribed for your child. These information sheets will give you specific information about each medication, including:

- Interactions with other medicines
- The effect of food on the medication
- Likely side effects

Antiretroviral medications, particularly liquid forms, may not be immediately available at your pharmacy. The pharmacist will need time to order and receive these medications.

You should always have a minimum of a four-day supply of your child's medications at home. This way, you can be certain you do not run out of medication if the pharmacy needs to order it. An extra supply will also ensure you do not run out because of spillage or bad weather.