

FROM
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HEALTH AND SAFETY TIPS

(PENICILLIN)

TIME: 60 SECONDS

WORDS: 150

HERE'S TODAY'S HEALTH TIP FROM THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION--
SOME PARENTS THINK THEY CAN STAVE OFF COLDS IN THEIR CHILDREN BY
GIVING THEM PENNICILLIN OR SOME OF THE OTHER ANTIBIOTICS. THE
FACT IS, ANTIBIOTICS HAVE NO EFFECT AGAINST VIRUSES SUCH AS THOSE
CAUSING COLDS. IF THEY ARE USED NEEDLESSLY, VIOLENT GERMS MAY BE
HELPED TO DEVELOP RESISTANCE TO THEIR EFFECTS. ALSO PENICILLIN
MAY ON OCCASION CAUSE AN ALLERGIC REACTION WHICH CAN RESULT IN
DEATH. ONE MOTHER TRIED PENICILLIN TABLETS SHE HAD BEEN GIVEN
FOR A THROAT INFECTION ON HER BABY'S COLD, WITH NEAR FATAL RESULTS.
THE ANTIBIOTICS ARE INDEED "WONDER DRUGS" IN THE CONTROL OF
BACTERIAL INFECTIONS, BUT THEY ARE NOT FOR PROMISCIIOUS USE BY
AMATEURS. THERE STILL IS NO DRUG AVAILABLE THAT WILL "CURE"
A COLD ONCE IT GETS STARTED. IF YOUR CHILD GETS A SEVERE COLD,
CALL YOUR DOCTOR AND FOLLOW HIS ADVICE IN MEDICATION AND THERAPY.

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HERE'S TODAY'S HEALTH TIP FROM THE AMERICAN MEDICAL ASSOCIATION --
PENICILLIN IS A REAL "WONDER DRUG" FOR MANY INFECTIONS, BUT IT
WON'T STOP THE COMMON COLD. DON'T GIVE LEFT-OVER PENICILLIN TABLETS
TO YOUR CHILD WHEN HE HAS A COLD. TAKE PENICILLIN AND THE OTHER
ANTIBIOTICS ONLY UNDER YOUR DOCTOR'S DIRECTION.

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