

Multiple antibiotic suspensions are available for the treatment of pediatric bacterial infections. The family physician must take into account factors such as bacterial spectrum coverage, proven efficacy, taste, adverse effects, dosing schedules, and cost. The following **Table** contains newer antibiotics and the associated average wholesale price. The clinician should also consider available generic suspensions that offer cost savings, including amoxicillin, erythromycin, cephalexin, penicillin, and others not listed below.

The agents listed below are intended for a 10-day course of therapy except for azithromycin, which is administered for a 5-day course.

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Drug	AWP, \$*	Daily Cost, \$
Augmentin 125 mg/5 mL per 150 mL	26.25	2.63
Augmentin 250 mg/5 mL per 150 mL (amoxicillin/clavulanate)	50.00	5.00
Biaxin 125 mg/5 mL per 100 mL	24.93	2.49
Biaxin 250 mg/5 mL per 100 mL (clarithromycin)	47.48	4.75
Ceclor 125 mg/5 mL per 150 mL	29.78	2.98
Ceclor 250 mg/5 mL per 150 mL (cefaclor)	53.95	5.40
Cefzil 125 mg/5 mL per 100 mL	26.41	2.64
Cefzil 250 mg/5 mL per 100 mL (cefprozil)	47.87	4.79
Ceftin 125 mg/5 mL per 100 mL	28.58	2.86
Ceftin 125 mg/5 mL per 200 mL (cefuroxime)	51.78	5.18
Lorabid 100 mg/5 mL per 100 mL	24.34	2.43
Lorabid 200 mg/5 mL per 100 mL (loracarbef)	34.94	3.50
Suprax 100 mg/5 mL per 50 mL	29.49	2.95
Suprax 100 mg/5 mL per 100 mL (cefixime)	59.35	5.94
Vantin 50 mg/5 mL per 50 mL	28.38	2.84
Vantin 100 mg/5 mL per 100 mL (cefpodoxime)	54.00	5.40
Zithromax 200 mg/5 mL per 15 mL	25.55	5.11
Zithromax 200 mg/5 mL per 22.5 mL (azithromycin)	25.55	5.11

*AWP indicates average wholesale price.