Concern for acute otitis media (AOM)

- Amoxicillin in past 30 days, OR
- Concurrent purulent conjunctivitis OR
- History of recurrent AOM unresponsive to amoxicillin
- Mild, unilateral disease in 6-23 months, OR
- Mild unilateral/bilateral disease in children ≥2 years

Severe symptoms?
- Moderate or severe otalgia or otalgia for ≥48 hours, OR
- Temperature ≥39°C

YES

Prescribe antibiotics
- <2 years old: 10 days
- 2-5 years: 7 days
- ≥6 years: 5 days

Bilateral disease in a child 6-23 months?

NO

Consider watchful waiting for the next 48-72 hours

YES

Alternatives include:
- Cefpodoxime
- Cefdinir
- Ceftriaxone
- Cefuroxime

Allergic to penicillins?

YES

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Amoxicillin/ clavulanate ES
90 mg/kg divided BID

NO

Amoxicillin
80-90 mg/kg divided BID