

# Summary of AAP–AAFP Treatment Guidelines for Otitis Media

Diagnosis	Treatment	Follow-Up
AOM in child 6 months or younger	Immediate use of antibiotics if diagnosis is certain	Follow-up based on the usual clinical course of AOM
AOM in child 6 months to 2 years	Likely use of antibiotics if diagnosis is certain	Follow-up based on the usual clinical course of AOM
AOM in child older than 2 years with recurrent or severe infection	Immediate use of antibiotics	Follow-up based on the usual clinical course of AOM; follow-up is necessary.
Diagnosis of nonsevere, uncomplicated AOM in child 2 to 12 years old	Pain management and observation for 48 to 72 hours	Follow-up required. If infection is still present, prescribe antibiotics.