

## LLL Medication Administration Policies

Drug	Length of Time Form is Valid	
OTC Medications for acute illnesses	Time specified on label	Unless given physician authorization
diapering lotions, salves, powders; body lotion, lip balms, anti-itch creams	3 months	Does not need to be logged with each use
sunscreens & bug repellent	6 months	Does not need to be logged with each use
prescription medication for acute illnesses	Prescribed duration based on the Rx label	i.e. antibiotics, antifungal creams, inhalers, nebulizers
prescription medication for chronic illnesses	Prescribed duration based on the Rx label AND renewed every 3 months	i.e. inhalers, EpiPens, seizure medications, allergy medication, steroid creams
OTC medications for chronic illnesses	Time specified on label OR prescribed duration based on written physician permission	i.e. Benadryl, Tylenol, insulin, glucagon, allergy medication

**Acute illnesses** are illnesses with duration lasting less than 1-2 weeks. It is not a measure of the severity of the illness.

- Upper respiratory infections (cold)
- Yeast infection
- Conjunctivitis (pink eye)
- Otitis media (ear infection)
- Teething episode

**Chronic illnesses** are ongoing diagnoses that last longer than 3 months. Examples are listed, but not limited to the following:

- Diabetes
- Epilepsy or seizure disorders
- Allergy - anaphylaxis or seasonal
- Asthma
- Acid Reflux
- Eczema

A **new authorization** form is required if:

1. New ingredient strength
2. Change in prescription or dose
3. Expiration of medication
4. Expiration of previous authorization

Medications must be stored in its *original container* and the dosage instructions must be included on the medication label. Medications must have the child's name on it.

OTC: over the counter