Can Pneumonia Be Treated Effectively with Shorter Courses of Antibiotics?

It is estimated that 156 million cases of pneumonia occur annually in children < 5 years old. Pediatric community-acquired pneumonia is a very common infection for which antibiotics are generally prescribed. Researchers at Children’s Hospital of UPMC are trying to find out if pneumonia in children can be treated with 5 days of antibiotics instead of the standard 10 days of treatment.

We are looking for otherwise healthy 6 month to 5 year olds (before 6th birthday) who have been diagnosed with pneumonia and whose symptoms are improving to participate in our research study.

Requirements:
- 3 study visits over a 29 day period. (enrollment visit and 2 follow-up visits).
- Take study product daily for 5 days (your child will receive either antibiotic or placebo—fake medicine) after taking the first days of the antibiotic your child’s doctor prescribed.
- Complete a diary of symptoms each day.

Benefits:
- Increased clinical monitoring of symptoms.
- 24 hour access to study physicians.
- Possibly fewer side effects and decreased antibiotic resistance with placebo.

Compensation will be provided.

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