

# Fever & Neutropenia

## If you have a fever

Some kids getting cancer treatment can have a fever when their white blood cell counts are low.



## What happens to me?

If you get a fever, the doctors and nurses will test your blood to find out what's causing it. They might test your pee too.



You will get antibiotics. You might get them by IV or by mouth. You might be able to take them at home. Your doctors will let you know if you can do this.



## Things that might happen

The doctors and nurses will keep an eye on your fever and white blood cell counts for a while. If you're feeling worse, you'll get different antibiotics.



If you have a fever and low white blood cell counts for more than 4 days, it might mean you have a fungal infection.

You might:

- Get a medicine to get rid of the fungus
- Get scans of different parts of your body



## When can I stop antibiotics?

You can stop taking antibiotics when:

- Your fever is gone
- You have no sign of infection
- Your white blood cell count gets higher

You might be able to stop getting antibiotics before your white blood cell count gets higher. Your doctors will let you know if you can do this.

