

A Statement Regarding Medication

Through the ages, man has sought the relief of discomfort and a cure for disease. Even though physicians now have available many “miracle drugs,” the majority of illnesses that our children suffer are not benefited by any medication. Furthermore, any medicine may have undesirable and often serious side effects in addition to their beneficial properties.

We think it is a healthy attitude to avoid medication unless it is clearly needed. For example, colds and other viral infections are not helped by antibiotics. Therefore, antibiotics should not be taken for those illnesses. We want illnesses to be as short-lived and your child as free of discomfort as possible. Medicines will be prescribed when it is felt they will be helpful and their risk is minimal.

Frequently, the best medicine for your child is our reassuring you that the illness is minor, of short duration, and needs only the comfort of a loving parent.