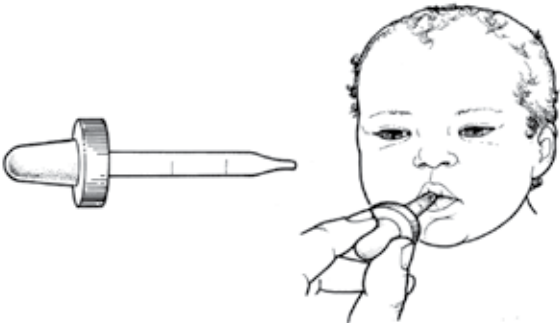
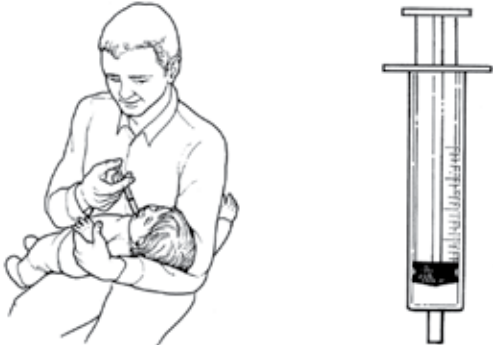
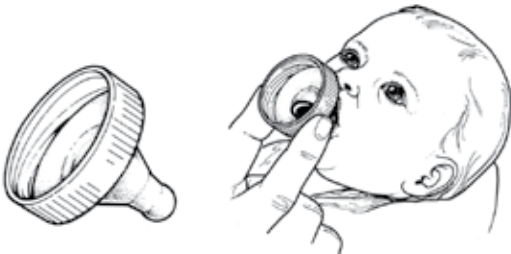



## Oral Medication: Liquid

1. Wash hands and child's hands.
2. Position the child.
  - a. Infants – Hold in the cradle position.
  - b. Toddlers – Allow to sit up in a high chair.
3. Choose proper measuring device.

Dropper –	Syringe –
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Withdraw the correct dosage amount of medicine.</li> <li>b. Place the dropper into the side of the mouth.</li> <li>c. Squeeze the dropper.</li> <li>d. Give a small amount at a time.</li> </ol> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Place the tip of the syringe into the liquid and pull back the plunger.</li> <li>b. Read the amount of liquid at the bottom of the semicircle at the top of the liquid.</li> <li>c. Avoid air bubbles by keeping the tip below the level of the liquid.</li> <li>d. Slowly squirt very small amounts toward the back and sides of the child's mouth.</li> </ol> 
Nipple –	Medicine Cup –
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Place an empty bottle nipple in the child's mouth.</li> <li>b. Measure the drug in nipple.</li> <li>c. Allow the child to suck the nipple.</li> <li>d. Give a small amount at a time.</li> </ol> 	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Pour medication from the side opposite the label so the label stays readable, in case medicine drips down the side of the bottle.</li> <li>b. Give a small amount at a time.</li> <li>c. If not all is taken from the cup pour a little water to rinse the drug from the sides of the cup.</li> </ol> 

4. Stroke the side of the neck to stimulate swallowing.
5. Always follow with a bottle or drink. (This rinses the child's mouth to remove any of the sweetened drug from the gums and teeth.)
6. Wash hands and document medication administration.