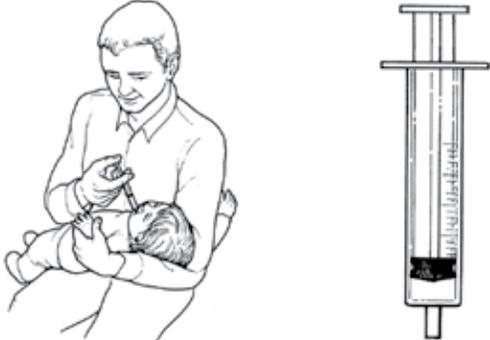
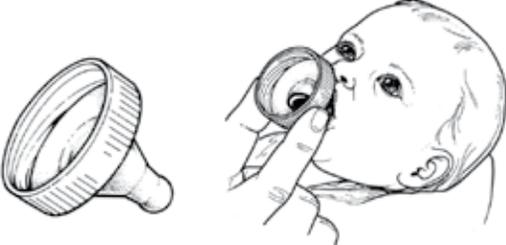


Oral Medication: Liquid

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

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.