

## Pneumonia

### RFQs

- How is he managing with eating? (How much is he taking compared to normal?)
- Does he vomit? What about diarrhoea? How many times today so far?
- Have you noticed a fever?

### Provide

Salim has an infection affecting his lungs. Yes, pneumonia. It's a common problem and usually pneumonia leaves no long term complications. Because Salim doesn't have any underlying health problems I would normally treat him out of hospital.

### Safety net:

With this treatment I would expect him to be improving within 48 hours. Please watch out for any of the following problems:

A very high temperature. (Temperature 38.5 °C or not starting to settle after 48h of treatment.)

Fast breathing. (Give numbers for this child's age from the table below:)

LOW RISK (but take any single abnormal sign seriously)	<1y	1-2y	3-4y	5y	6-7y	8-11y	≥12y
RR	<50	<40	<35	<24	<24	<22	<21
Pulse (Note: if under 12y, pulse <60 is a high risk criteria)	<150	<140	<130	<120	<110	<105	<91

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Difficult breathing. Watch out for the skin beneath the rib-cage and between the ribs or above the sternum (here), being sucked in a lot. Or flaring of the nostrils. Or if Salim seems to be getting exhausted.

If he isn't managing to take feeds or fluids.

If he vomits repeatedly.

If any of these problems occur, we should see him urgently, either here or call 111 to see the on call doctor, or take him straight to paediatric casualty if you are particularly worried.