

# Flu-like symptoms?

What to expect while you're here



Children's<sup>SM</sup>  
Healthcare of Atlanta

During today's visit your child will:



Be seen by a healthcare professional.



Have his or her symptoms evaluated.



Get a diagnosis based on symptoms. **Not all children will require a flu test.**



Receive treatment based on the diagnosis. **Your child isn't guaranteed to receive antiviral medicines like Tamiflu because they're not beneficial to all children.**

## Treatment for **pediatric** flu is different

- Testing for the flu virus will often be reserved for children who are under age 2, immunocompromised, or have pulmonary or cardiac issues. For these children, a flu test could change the course of treatment.
- Tamiflu carries a risk of side effects. A healthcare professional will determine whether the risks of the medicine outweigh the benefits.
- Cough and cold medicines are not effective for children younger than 6 years old and may cause serious side effects.
- Be sure your child's fever and pain reducer does not contain aspirin.



Visit [choa.org/flu](https://choa.org/flu) for more information about flu symptoms and treatment and tips for staying healthy.

*This is general information only and not specific medical advice. Talk with your child's healthcare team about specific care of your child.*