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DECREASED APPETITE DURING ILLNESS

Why is my child not hungry?

When your child is sick, he or she will probably not want to eat as much. A decrease in appetite is normal with most minor illnesses. This is not harmful. The seriousness or the cause of the illness cannot be figured out by how much or how little your child eats.

How can I take care of my child?

For a while let your child choose what he eats. Children with decreased appetites usually continue to drink enough fluids.

When should I call the office?

Call IMMEDIATELY if:

- Your child is less than 2 months old.
- Your child has not urinated in more than 8 hours.
- Your child starts acting very sick.

Call during office hours if:

- The poor appetite lasts for more than 1 week.
- Your child is not drinking adequate fluids.
- You have other questions or concerns.