



5. Does your child have a high fever, a very sore throat, and trouble breathing and/or swallowing?



These may be signs of a serious condition called EPIGLOTTITIS.



URGENT.

GET EMERGENCY MEDICAL HELP RIGHT AWAY.



6. Does your child have pain and tenderness in the front of the chest, along the border of the breastbone and ribs, and does it get worse when your child coughs or takes a deep breath?



This may be caused by COSTOCHONDRITIS, an inflammation of the joints in the chest.



Heat and an anti-inflammatory medicine, such as ibuprofen, may help relieve symptoms. DO NOT give aspirin to your child without consulting your doctor first (see warning below). See your doctor if the pain is severe or if it doesn't



For more information, please talk to your doctor. If you think your child's problem is serious, call your doctor right away.

WARNING: Don't give your child aspirin without your doctor's approval, due to the risk of Reye's syndrome.

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