

## Mayo Clinic Minute

### Does your child have walking pneumonia?

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<b>Graphic:</b> <b>Walking pneumonia</b> <b>Bacteria</b>	Walking pneumonia is caused by a bacteria that can have you down but not out.
<b>Title:</b> <b>Nipunie Rajapakse, M.D.</b> <b>Pediatric Infectious Diseases</b> <b>Mayo Clinic</b>	“Usually people with this infection are well enough to kind of be up and about – even though they have an infection going on at the time.”
<b>Graphic:</b> <b>Lung tissue infection</b> <b>Coughs</b> <b>Sneezes</b>	Pediatric infectious diseases specialist Dr. Nipunie Rajapakse says walking pneumonia is a lung tissue infection spread, in part, through the droplets of coughs and sneezes.
<b>Graphic:</b> <b>Fever</b> <b>Cough</b> <b>Sore throat</b> <b>Difficulty breathing</b> <b>Shortness breath</b> <b>Chest pain</b>	Symptoms include a fever, cough and sore throat – sometimes combined with difficulty breathing caused by shortness of breath and chest pain.
Nipunie Rajapakse, M.D.	“If you think you might have walking pneumonia or any type of pneumonia, it’s a good idea to see your physician or your primary care provider.”
	If a physical examination is inconclusive, Dr. Rajapakse says your health care provider may order a chest X-ray.
Nipunie Rajapakse, M.D.	“It’s helpful to get a picture of the lungs to see whether there is any area of infection that’s visible.”
	Dr. Rajapakse says most people can recover from walking pneumonia without medication. However ...
Nipunie Rajapakse, M.D.	“In some cases, if the symptoms are very severe, your doctor may prescribe an antibiotic to treat it.”
	For the Mayo Clinic News Network, I’m Jeff Olsen.