

Medicines For Fever or Pain Relief

Acetaminophen is available without a prescription. Children older than 2 months can be given any one of the acetaminophen products (such as Tylenol). Give the correct dosage for your child's weight every 4-6 hours.

| Acetaminophen | 6-11 pounds | 12-17 pounds | 18-23 pounds | 24-35 pounds | 36-47 pounds | 48-59 pounds | 60-71 pounds | 72-95 pounds | 96+ pounds |
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| Infant Drops (80mg/0.8ml) | 0.4 ml (½ dropper) | 0.8 ml (1 dropper) | 1 ½ droppers | 2 droppers | 2 ½ droppers | | | | |
| Suspension (160mg/5ml) | | ½ tsp. | ¾ tsp | 1 tsp | 1 ½ tsp | 2 tsp | 2 ½ tsp | 3 tsp | 4 tsp |
| Chewable tablets (80mg) | | | 1 ½ tablets | 2 tablets | 3 tablets | 4 tablets | 5 tablets | 6 tablets | 8 tablets |
| Chewable tablets (160mg) | | | | 1 tablet | 1 ½ tablets | 2 tablets | 2 ½ tablets | 3 tablets | 4 tablets |
| Adult tablets (325 mg) | | | | | | | 1 tablet | 1 to 1 ½ tablets | 2 tablets |

Ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin) is available without a prescription. Children older than 6 months can be given any one of the ibuprofen products (such as Motrin or Advil). Give the correct dosage for you child's weight every 6-8 hours.

| Ibuprofen | 12-17 pounds | 18-23 pounds | 24-35 pounds | 36-47 pounds | 48-59 pounds | 60-71 pounds | 72-95 pounds | 96+ pounds |
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| Infant drops (50mg/1.25ml) | 1.25 ml | 1.875 ml | 2.5 ml | 3.75ml | | | | |
| Suspension (100mg/5ml) | | ¾ tsp | 1 tsp | 1 ½ tsp | 2 tsp | 2 ½ tsp | 3 tsp | 4 tsp |
| Chewable tablets (50mg) | | 1 ½ tablets | 2 tablets | 3 tablets | 4 tablets | 5 tablets | 6 tablets | 8 tablets |
| Chewable tablets (100mg) | | | 1 tablet | 1 ½ tablets | 2 tablets | 2 ½ tablets | 3 tablets | 4 tablets |
| Adult tablets (200mg) | | | | | | | 1 ½ tablets | 2 tablets |

Alternating or Combining Acetaminophen and Ibuprofen

If instructed by your provider to alternate acetaminophen and ibuprofen, give as follows:

- * Alternate doses of acetaminophen and ibuprofen every 3 hours.
- * If fever or pain continues longer than 24-48 hours, please call the office for instruction.

Do not give acetaminophen and ibuprofen together at the same time. If you have any questions regarding medications and dosing, please call the office.

Avoid Aspirin

Children (through age 21 years) should not take aspirin. This recommendation is based on several studies that have linked aspirin to Reye's syndrome, a severe encephalitis-like illness. Most pediatricians have stopped using aspirin for fevers associated with any illness.