

Medicine for Fever or Pain Relief

Acetaminophen

Acetaminophen (*Tylenol, Feverall, Paracetamol*) is available without a prescription. Children over 2 months of age can be given acetaminophen. Give the correct dosage for your child's weight every 4-6 hours, as needed for fever or pain. No more than 5 doses in 24 hours.

Suppositories: Acetaminophen is also available as a rectal suppository in 120-mg, 325-mg, and 650-mg dosages. Suppositories are useful if a child with a fever is unable to take oral medication.

	May Give Every	Upto11 pounds	12-17 pounds	18-23 pounds	24-35 pounds	36-47 pounds	48-59 pounds	60-71 pounds	72-95 pounds	96+ pounds
Drops (80mg/0.8ml)	4-6 hours	Call Your Doctor	0.8ml	1.2ml	1.6ml	2.4ml				
Syrup (160mg/5ml)	4-6 hours		½ teaspoon	¾ teaspoon	1 teaspoon	1 ½ teaspoon	2 teaspoon	2 ½ teaspoon	3 teaspoon	4 teaspoon
Chewable tablets (80mg)	4-6 hours			1 ½ tablet	2 tablets	3 tablets	4 tablets	5 tablets	6 tablets	8 tablets
Chewable tablets (160mg)	4-6 hours				1 tablet	1 ½ tablets	2 tablets	2 ½ tablets	3 tablets	4 tablets
Adult tablets (325mg)	4-6 hours							1 tablet	1 to 1 ½ tablets	2 tablets
Suppository	4-6 hours			80mg	120mg	160mg	240mg	325mg	325mg	325-445mg

Ibuprofen

Ibuprofen (*Advil, Motrin*) is available without a prescription. Children over 6 months of age can be given ibuprofen. Give the correct dosage for your child's weight every 6-8 hours, as needed.

	May Give Every	Upto11 pounds	12-17 pounds	18-23 pounds	24-35 pounds	36-47 Pounds	48-59 pounds	60-71 pounds	72-95 pounds	96+ pounds
Drops (50mg/1.25ml)	6-8 hours	Call your Doctor	1.25ml	1.875ml	2.5ml					
Syrup (100mg/5ml)	6-8 hours			¾ teaspoon	1 teaspoon	1 ½ teaspoon	2 teaspoon	2 ½ teaspoon	3 teaspoon	4 teaspoon
Chewable tablets (50mg)	6-8 hours			1 ½ tablet	2 tablets	3 tablets	4 tablets	5 tablets	6 tablets	8 tablets
Chewable tablets (100mg)	6-8 hours				1 tablet	1 ½ tablets	2 tablets	2 ½ tablets	3 tablets	4 tablets
Adult tablets (200)	6-8 hours								1 ½ tablets	2 tablets

Alternating or Combining Acetaminophen and Ibuprofen

Combining acetaminophen and ibuprofen is not recommended. Combining can cause confusion, dosage errors, and poisoning. Also, it is usually not important to control a fever that closely. However, if instructed by your health care provider to alternate acetaminophen and ibuprofen, do it as follows:

- ❖ Alternate doses of acetaminophen and ibuprofen every 4 hours
- ❖ Alternate medicines for only 24 hours or less, then return to a single product.

Avoid Aspirin

Children (through age 21 years) should not take aspirin if they have chickenpox or influenza (any cold, cough, or sore throat symptoms). 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 illnesses.

KEEP ALL MEDICATIONS OUT OF THE REACH OF CHILDREN

In case of accidental ingestion call **POISON CONTROL 212-POISONS**, or our office at 718.268.9100