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Fever

The average child has 8 fevers per year, especially in the first four years of life. Fever is not necessarily a bad symptom. The goal is to keep the temperature below 104 degrees. The temperature always rises in the evening; this does not mean that the child is worsening.

Rules

1. If the temperature is over 101 degrees, undress the child and offer cool fluids, such as Pedialyte or Gerber Electrolyte. Cool the home and use a damp cloth on child. Give Acetaminophen (Tylenol) as outlined in the dosage schedule below.
2. If temperature is over 103 degrees, follow the instructions above and call if your child's fever persists or they seem worse to you.
3. If the fever lasts more than 36 hours, or is associated with lack of appetite (3-4 feedings) please call our office to schedule a visit.

***Do not hesitate to bring your child into the office in the a.m. for a walk-in sick visit or to call the office for an appointment. Walk-in visits are preferred at 6:30-7:00am on Mon-Sat and 7:30-8:00 am on Sundays and Holidays.

TYLENOL – ACETAMINOPHEN		
Weight	Children's Suspension/Liquid (160mg/5ml)	
6-11 lbs	¼ teaspoon	1.25ml
12-17 lbs	½ teaspoon	2.5 ml
18-23 lbs	¾ teaspoon	3.75ml
24-35 lbs	1 teaspoon	5 ml
36-47 lbs	1 ½ teaspoons	7.25ml
48-59 lbs	2 teaspoons	10 ml
60-72 lbs	2 ½ teaspoons	12.5ml

Acetaminophen may be given every 4-6 hours as needed for fever.