

Medication Dosing Instructions

Fever is a symptom of an illness which can have many causes. Alleviating the fever can make the child feel much better. It is not, however, a substitute for evaluation of the child to determine the cause for the fever.

Here are some suggested methods for controlling fever:

1. Dress the child in light clothing.
2. Acetaminophen (Tylenol®, Tempra, Panadol) may be given in 4-hour intervals.
3. Currently there is a concern over the possibility of aspirin being related to Reye's Syndrome when given to treat fevers associated with chicken pox or influenza. Therefore, we recommend avoiding aspirin unless specifically ordered by your physician.
4. If fever cannot be controlled by Tylenol®, sponging may be required. Place the child in a bathtub of lukewarm water or sponge bath with lukewarm water for 5-10 minutes. Generally, sponging is only recommended for fever temperatures greater than 103°. **DO NOT USE ICE COLD WATER OR ALCOHOL!**
5. Frequent fluid intake (cold or iced) is important to keep the child well hydrated, which helps control fever.
6. Follow other specific recommendations given by your doctor.

Infants' Motrin® or Advil® (Ibuprofen)(50mg/1.25ml)

Children's Motrin® or Advil® (Ibuprofen)(100mg/5ml)

Dosage for Children

Age	Weight (lbs)	Infants' Motrin® or Advil® (Ibuprofen) (50mg/1.25ml)	Children's Motrin® or Advil® (Ibuprofen) (100mg/5ml)	
Under 6 mos		CONSULT YOUR CHILD'S DOCTOR		You may alternate Ibuprofen/Acetaminophen doses as follows: Advil® or Motrin® (Ibuprofen) dose wait 3 hours
6-11 mos	12-17	1.25 ml		
12-23 mos	18-23	1.875 ml		Tylenol® (Acetaminophen) Dose wait 3 hours
2-3 yrs	24-35		1 tsp (5 ml)	Advil® or Motrin® (Ibuprofen) dose wait 3 hours
4-5 yrs	36-47		1 1/2 tsp (7.5 ml)	Tylenol® (Acetaminophen) Dose wait 3 hours
6-8 yrs	48-59		2 tsp (10 ml)	Advil® or Motrin® (Ibuprofen) dose wait 3 hours
9-10 yrs	60-71		2 1/2 tsp (12.5 ml)	Tylenol® (Acetaminophen) Dose wait 3 hours etc
11-12 yrs	72-95		3 tsp (15 ml)	

One dose may be given every 6-8 hours as needed (see chart). Do not exceed 4 doses per 24 hours.

IMPORTANT: Do Not Use "Old" infant acetaminophen (Tylenol or generic) drops (80mg/0.8ml). Please be sure to check the label.

Infants' or Children's Tylenol® (Acetaminophen)(160mg/5ml)

Infants' or Children's & Junior Strength Tylenol®/Acetaminophen (160mg/5ml)		Suspension Liquid & Original Elixir 160mg/5ml	Chewable Tablets 80 mg tabs	Junior Strength Caplets/Chewables 160 mg
Age	Weight (lbs)	Use only the dosing cup provided		
0-3 mos	6-11	1.25ml		
4-11 mos	12-17	2.5ml		
12-23 mos	18-23	3.75ml (3/4 tsp)		
2-3 yrs	24-35	5ml (1 tsp)	2 tab	
4-5 yrs	36-47	7.5ml (1 1/2 tsp)	3 tab	
6-8 yrs	48-59	10ml (2 tsp)	4 tab	2 cap/tab
9-10 yrs	60-71	12.5ml (2 1/2 tsp)	5 tab	2 1/2 cap/tab
11 yrs	72-95	15ml (3 tsp)	6 tab	3 cap/tab

One dose may be given every 4-6 hours as needed (see chart). Do not exceed 6 doses per 24 hours.