

Acetaminophen Dosage Sheet

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- BRAND NAMES: Tylenol, FeverAll (suppositories), generic acetaminophen

INDICATIONS: For treatment of fever and pain.

FREQUENCY: Repeat every 4 to 6 hours as needed. Don't give more than 5 times a day.

DOSAGE: Determine by using the table below. If using liquid suspension, please confirm that the concentration of the product you are using is 160mg per every 5mL.

Child's Weight (lb)	Dose in mg	Infants' or Children's Oral Suspension (160mg/ 5mL)	Children's Chewable 80mg tablets	Junior Chewable 160mg tablets	Adult 325mg tablets	Adult 500mg tablets
6-11 lbs	40 mg	1.25 mL				
12-17 lbs	80 mg	2.5 mL				
18-23 lbs	120 mg	3.75 mL	1 ½ tabs			
24-35 lbs	160 mg	5 mL	2 tabs	1 tab		
36-47 lbs	240 mg	7.5 mL	3 tabs	1 ½ tabs		
48-59 lbs	320 mg	10 mL	4 tabs	2 tabs	1 tab	
60-71 lbs	400 mg	12.5 mL	5 tabs	2 ½ tabs	1 tabs	
72-95 lbs	480 mg	15 mL	6 tabs	3 tabs	1 ½ tabs	1 tab

Table Notes:

- AGE LIMIT: Don't use under 12 weeks of age, as very young infants with fevers need to be evaluated by a medical provider right away. EXCEPTION: Fever from immunization if child is 8 weeks of age or older.
- MEASURING the DOSAGE: Syringes and droppers are more accurate than teaspoons. If possible, use the syringe or dropper that comes with the medicine. If not, medicine syringes are available at pharmacies.
- SUPPOSITORIES: Acetaminophen also comes in 80, 120, 325 and 650 mg suppositories (the rectal dose in mg is the same as the dosage in mg given by mouth).

Why treat a fever? The main reason to treat a fever is to make the person feel better. Even higher temperatures (103°F or greater) are not in themselves dangerous or significant unless your child has a history of seizures or a chronic disease. The fever itself is not the disease, only a sign that the body's defenses are trying to fight an infection. Treating a fever helps a child feel better but does not help cure the illness that is causing the fever.

It is not necessary to lower a child's fever to normal. Simply lowering the temperature by 1-2 degrees will make your child feel much better and may even help them sleep better.

May I use Ibuprofen and Acetaminophen together? Ibuprofen may NOT be given to children under 6 months old. If your child is over 6 months old, then yes, you can give a dose of Acetaminophen and follow it **3 hours later** with a dose of Ibuprofen. If your child is very uncomfortable, you can continue to alternate medicines every 3 hours. Be sure to use the correct doses of each medication based on your child's weight. Do not give Ibuprofen more often than every 6 hours and do not give Acetaminophen more often than ever 4 hours.

How long to treat a fever? Most fevers resolve as the child improves. If the fever persists for more than a few days, or you are concerned about your child, please call the office for advice or seek emergency care.