

Pediatric Dosing Guide: Acetaminophen (Tylenol)

See the packaging that comes with the medicine for complete directions and warnings. Always follow your pediatrician’s directions. Taking too much acetaminophen can cause problems.

Call your pediatrician right away if a child under 3 months has a fever of 100.4° F (38° C) or higher (unless your child received vaccines that day).

Follow these tips to give your child the correct dose of acetaminophen:

- Use your child’s weight and the table below to select the correct dose.
- Do not give acetaminophen for more than 7 days in a row without talking to your pediatrician.
- You can give the doses listed in the table below every 4 hours, if necessary. Give the minimum number of doses necessary to help your child feel better. Do not give more than 5 doses in 24 hours.

- Acetaminophen is found in many over-the-counter and prescription pain medicines. For example, DayQuil contains acetaminophen. Read the labels, and **don’t give your child more than 1 medicine containing acetaminophen at a time** without talking to your child’s doctor.



Acetaminophen (Tylenol) Dosing Guide

Weight (pounds)	Dose	Children’s liquid syrup (use spoon provided)	Children’s chewable tablets or meltaways	Junior-strength chewable tablets or meltaways
Strength		160 mg / 5 mL	80 mg	160 mg
9–11 lbs	60 mg	1.9 mL		
12–17 lbs	80 mg	2.5 mL		
18–23 lbs	120 mg	3.75 mL		
24–35 lbs	160 mg	5 mL	2 tablets	
36–46 lbs	240 mg	7.5 mL	3 tablets	
47–58 lbs	320 mg	10 mL	4 tablets	2 tablets
59–70 lbs	400 mg	12.5 mL	5 tablets	2½ tablets
70+ lbs	480 mg	15 mL	6 tablets	3 tablets

Pediatric Dosing Guide: Ibuprofen (Motrin, Advil)

Do not give ibuprofen to children under 6 months. See the packaging that comes with the medicine for complete directions and warnings. Always follow your pediatrician's directions. Taking too much ibuprofen can cause problems.

Call your pediatrician immediately if a child under 3 months has a fever of 100.4° F (38° C) or higher.

Follow these tips to give your child the correct dose of ibuprofen:

- Check the bottle to determine which concentration you have. Liquid ibuprofen is available in different concentrations.
- Use your child's weight and the table below to select the correct dose.
- **Do not give ibuprofen for more than 7 days** in a row without talking to your pediatrician.



- **You can give the doses listed in the table below every 6 hours, if necessary.** Give the minimum number of doses needed to help your child feel better. **Do not give more than 4 doses in 24 hours.**

- **Give the least amount of medicine necessary to help your child feel better.** Half of the recommended dose may be effective.

If your child is having surgery within 1 week, **do not give ibuprofen.** It can slightly increase bleeding risk.

Ibuprofen (Motrin, Advil) Dosing Guide

Weight (pounds)	Dose (up to)	Infant drops (use dropper provided)	Children's liquid (use syringe or spoon provided)	Junior-strength chewables	Junior-strength swallow tablets	Adult regular-strength tablets
Concentration		50 mg / 1.25 mL	100 mg / 5 mL	100 mg	100 mg	200 mg
11–16 lbs	50 mg	1.25 mL	2.5 mL			
17–21 lbs	75 mg	1.9 mL	3.75 mL			
22–32 lbs	100 mg		5 mL	1 tablet		
33–43 lbs	150 mg		7.5 mL	1½ tablets		
44–54 lbs	200 mg		10 mL	2 tablets	2 tablets	
55–65 lbs	250 mg		12.5 mL	2½ tablets	2½ tablets	1 tablet
66–87 lbs	300 mg		15 mL	3 tablets	3 tablets	1 to 1½ tablets
88+ lbs	350 mg		17.5 mL	3½ tablets	3½ tablets	1½ to 2 tablets

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