

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 immediately if a child under 3 months has a fever of 100.4° F (38° C) or higher (unless your child received vaccines today).

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. Read the labels, and don't give your child more than 1 medicine containing acetaminophen without talking to your child's doctor.

Note: Liquid acetaminophen used to be available in different concentrations. This guide is for the **160 mg per 5 mL** concentration. If you have a different concentration, follow the manufacturer's or your pediatrician's directions.



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| Weight (pounds) | Dose | Infants' liquid syrup (use syringe provided) | Children's liquid syrup (use spoon provided) | Children's chewable tablets or meltaways | Junior-strength chewable tablets or meltaways |
|----------------------|--------|--|--|--|---|
| Concentration | | 160 mg/5 mL | 160 mg/5 mL | 80 mg | 160 mg |
| 9–11 lbs | 60 mg | 1.875 mL | | | |
| 12–17 lbs | 80 mg | 2.5 mL | 2.5 mL | | |
| 18–23 lbs | 120 mg | 3.75 mL | 3.75 mL | | |
| 24–35 lbs | 160 mg | 5.0 mL | 5.0 mL | 2 tablets | |
| 36–46 lbs | 240 mg | | 7.5 mL | 3 tablets | |
| 47–58 lbs | 320 mg | | 10.0 mL | 4 tablets | 2 tablets |
| 59–70 lbs | 400 mg | | 12.5 mL | 5 tablets | 2½ tablets |
| 70+ lbs | 480 mg | | 15.0 mL | 6 tablets | 3 tablets |

Pediatric Dosing Guide:

Ibuprofen (Motrin, Advil)

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.

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

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.
- Do not give ibuprofen to children under 6 months.
- 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.

Ibuprofen (Motrin, Advil) Dosing Guide

| Weight (pounds) | Dose (up to) | Infant drops (use dropper provided) | Children's liquid (use syringe or spoon provided) | Chewable tablets | Junior-strength chewables | Junior-strength swallow tablets | Adult regular-strength tablets |
|----------------------|---------------|-------------------------------------|---|------------------|---------------------------|---------------------------------|--------------------------------|
| Concentration | | 50 mg/1.25 mL | 100 mg/5 mL | 50 mg | 100 mg | 100 mg | 200 mg |
| 11–16 lbs | 50 mg | 1.25 mL | 2.5 mL | | | | |
| 17–21 lbs | 75 mg | 1.875 mL | 3.75 mL | | | | |
| 22–32 lbs | 100 mg | | 5.0 mL | 2 tablets | 1 tablet | | |
| 33–43 lbs | 150 mg | | 7.5 mL | 3 tablets | 1½ tablets | | |
| 44–54 lbs | 200 mg | | 10.0 mL | 4 tablets | 2 tablets | 2 tablets | |
| 55–65 lbs | 250 mg | | 12.5 mL | 5 tablets | 2½ tablets | 2½ tablets | 1 tablet |
| 66–87 lbs | 300 mg | | 15.0 mL | 6 tablets | 3 tablets | 3 tablets | 1 to 1½ tablets |
| 88+ lbs | 400 mg | | 17.5 mL | 8 tablets | 4 tablets | 4 tablets | 2 tablets |

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