

Fever Medication Charts for Infants and Children

Acetaminophen

IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP THESE DRUGS LOCKED IN A CHILD-PROOF CUPBOARD

Strength of Medication	Amount of Acetaminophen to Use for Child's Weight				
	3.0-3.9 kg (6-8.5 lbs)	4.0-5.4 kg (8.5-11 lbs)	5.5-7.9 kg (12-17 lbs)	8.0-10.9 kg (17.5-24lbs)	11.0-15.9 kg (24-35 lbs)
Infant Drops 80 mg in 1ml	0.5 mL	0.75 mL	1 mL	1.5 mL	2.0 mL
Regular Syrup 80 mg in 1 tsp	½ tsp (2.5 mL)	¾ tsp (3.75 mL)	1 tsp (5 mL)	1½ tsp (7.5 mL)	2 tsp (10 mL)
Extra Strength Syrup 160 mg in 1 tsp	N/R*	N/R*	½ tsp (2.5 mL)	¾ tsp (3.75 mL)	1 tsp (5 mL)
Children's Tablets 80 mg tabs	N/R*	N/R*	1 tablet	1½ tablets	2 tablets
Children's Extra Strength Tablets 160 mg tabs	N/R*	N/R*	N/R*	N/R*	1 tablet

For children over 15.9 kg (35 lbs) give according to age as directed on the medication bottle

*Not Recommended

Acetaminophen (Actimol[®], Panadol[®], Tempra[®], Tylenol[®] or generic brands) is recommended to reduce fever and pain in adults and children.

IMPORTANT: Do not give aspirin products (acetylsalicylic acid, ASA, Aspirin[®]) to children under the age of 19 years as this can increase the risk of Reye Syndrome, a serious condition that can damage the liver and brain.

NOTE: Some over the counter cold and flu remedies contain acetaminophen, in combination with decongestants and/or cough suppressants. Read the labels to avoid overdosing yourself or your child. Ask your pharmacist for help.

References: CPS (Compendium of Pharmaceuticals and Specialties); Canadian Pediatric Society

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Ibuprofen

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Strength of Medication	Amount of ibuprofen to Use for Child's Weight and Age [†]						
	5.5-7.9 kg (12-17 lbs) 6-11 mos	8.0-10.9 kg (17.5-24 lbs) 12-23 mos	11.0-15.9 kg (24-35 lbs) 2-3 yrs	16.0-21.9 kg (36-47 lbs) 4-5 yrs	22.0-26.9 kg (48-59 lbs) 6-8 yrs	27.0-31.9 kg (60-71 lbs) 9-10 yrs	32.0-43.9 kg (72-95 lbs) 11 yrs
Infant Suspension Drops 40 mg in 1mL	1.25 mL	1.875 mL	N/R*	N/R*	N/R*	N/R*	N/R*
Children's Suspension 20 mg in 1mL	½ tsp (2.5 mL)	¾ tsp (3.75 mL)	1 tsp (5 mL)	1 ½ tsp (7.5 mL)	2 tsp (10 mL)	2 ½ tsp (12.5 mL)	3 tsp (15 mL)
Children's tablets 50 mg tabs	N/R*	N/R*	2 tablets	3 tablets	4 tablets	5 tablets	6 tablets
Junior Strength tablets 100 mg tabs	N/R*	N/R*	1 tablet	1 ½ tablets	2 tablets	2 ½ tablets	3 tablets

For children 12 years of age and older, refer to adult dosing

*Not Recommended

† The Canadian Pediatric Society recommends that ibuprofen not be given to children under the age of 6 months without first checking with the doctor.

Ibuprofen (Advil[®] or generic brands) is recommended to reduce fever and pain in adults and in children.

IMPORTANT: Do not give aspirin products (acetylsalicylic acid, ASA, Aspirin[®]) to children under the age of 19 years as this can increase the risk of Reye Syndrome, a serious condition that can damage the liver and brain. **NOTE:** Some over the counter cold and flu remedies contain ibuprofen, in combination with decongestants and/or cough suppressants. Read the labels to avoid overdosing yourself or your child. Ask your pharmacist for help.

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