

Children's fever control medications: Dose by weight*

Acetaminophen (Brand names: Tylenol, Tempra)

Give every 4–6 hours, as directed

Dose by weight for acetaminophen

If your child weighs...	6–11 lb. (2.7–5 kg.)	12–17 lb. (5–7.7 kg.)	18–23 lb. (8–10.5 kg.)	24–35 lb. (10.9–16 kg.)	36–47 lb. (16.4–21.5 kg.)	48–59 lb. (21.8–27.3 kg.)	60–71 lb. (27.4–32.2 kg.)	72–95 lb. (32.7–43.1 kg.)
Correct dose is...	40 mg.	80 mg.	120 mg.	160 mg.	240 mg.	320 mg.	400 mg.	480 mg.

Dose by weight for specific acetaminophen products

If your child weighs...	6–11 lb. (2.7–5 kg.)	12–17 lb. (5–7.7 kg.)	18–23 lb. (8–10.5 kg.)	24–35 lb. (10.9–16 kg.)	36–47 lb. (16.4–21.5 kg.)	48–59 lb. (21.8–27.3 kg.)	60–71 lb. (27.4–32.2 kg.)	72–95 lb. (32.7–43.1 kg.)
And you are using...								
Infant drops 80 mg/0.8 ml	0.4 ml.	0.8 ml.	1.2 ml.	1.6 ml.	Do not use	Do not use	Do not use	Do not use
Elixir 160 mg/5ml	Do not use	Do not use	Do not use	5 ml. or 1 tsp.	7.5 ml. or 1.5 tsp.	10 ml. or 2 tsp.	12.5 ml. or 2.5 tsp.	15 ml. or 3 tsp.
Chewable tablet 80 mg.	Do not use	Do not use	Do not use	2 tablets	3 tablets	4 tablets	5 tablets	6 tablets
Junior tablet 160 mg.	Do not use	Do not use	Do not use	1 tablet	Do not use	2 tablets	3 tablets	4 tablets
Tablet 320 mg.	Do not use	Do not use	Do not use	Do not use	Do not use	1 tablet	Do not use	2 tablets

Children's fever control medications: Dose by weight (continued)

Ibuprofen (Brand names: Motrin, Advil, Pedicare Fever)

For children six months old and older; give every 6-8 hours, as directed

Dose by weight for ibuprofen

If your child weighs...	22 lb. (10 kg.)	33 lb. (15 kg.)	44 lb. (20 kg.)	55 lb. (25 kg.)	66 lb. (30 kg.)
Correct dose is...	100 mg.	150 mg.	200 mg.	250 mg.	300 mg.

Dose by weight for specific ibuprofen products

If your child weighs...	22 lb. (10 kg.)	33 lb. (15 kg.)	44 lb. (20 kg.)	55 lb. (25 kg.)	66 lb. (30 kg.)
And you are using...					
100 mg/5 cc suspension	5 ml. or 1 tsp.	7.5 ml. or 1.5 tsp.	10 ml. or 2 tsp.	12.5 ml. or 2.5 tsp.	15 ml. or 3 tsp.
Chewable tablet, 50 mg.	Do not use	3 tablets	4 tablets	5 tablets	6 tablets
Chewable tablet, 100 mg.	Do not use	Do not use	2 tablets	2.5 tablets	3 tablets

*Adapted from *The Harriet Lane Handbook* published by Mosby.

Medical Disclaimers:

- Do not give any medicine to a child under 6 months of age without contacting your health provider first.
- Do not give Tylenol or Motrin if you do not know the weight of your child.
- Please read the labels on the box before giving your child any medicine.
- In case of an overdose, call your health care provider immediately.