

# Acetaminophen (Medicine for pain or fever, such as Tylenol)

## Dosage Table

PRODUCT	CHILD'S WEIGHT (POUNDS)								
	6-11 lbs	12-17 lbs	18-23 lbs	24-35 lbs	36-47 lbs	48-59 lbs	60-71 lbs	72-95 lbs	96+ lbs
<b>Infant's Liquid</b> 160 mg / 5 mL	1.25 mL	2.5 mL	3.75 mL	5 mL					
<b>Children's Liquid</b> 160 mg / 5 mL	1.25 mL	2.5 mL	3.75 mL	5 mL	7.5 mL	10 mL	12.5 mL	15 mL	20 mL
<b>Children's Chewable Junior</b> 160 mg tablet				1 tab	1 ½ tabs	2 tabs	2 ½ tabs	3 tabs	4 tabs
<b>Adult Regular Strength</b> 325 mg tablet							1 tab	1 ½ tabs	2 tabs
<b>Adult Extra Strength</b> 500 mg tablet								1 tab	1 tab

### Chart Notes:

- **Brand names:** Tylenol or store brand acetaminophen.
- **Dose:** Find your child's weight in the top row of the dose chart. Look below the correct weight for the dose based on the product you have. Adult dose is 500 to 650 mg.
- **Measure the Dose:** Use the syringe or dropper that comes with the medicine. If not, you can buy a medicine syringe at a drugstore. If you use a teaspoon, it must be a measuring spoon. Reason: Regular spoons are not reliable. Keep in mind: 1 level teaspoon equals 5 mL.
- **How Often:** Repeat every 4 to 6 hours as needed. Don't give more than 5 times a day.
- **Age Limit:** Don't use younger than 12 weeks unless told to by your child's doctor. Reason: For any fever in the first 12 weeks of life, your baby needs to be seen now.
- **Caution:** Do not use acetaminophen and ibuprofen (Advil or Motrin) together. Reason: no benefit over using one medicine alone and a risk of giving too much. Exception: Your child's doctor told you to give both.

## Call Your Doctor If:

- Your child looks or acts very sick
- Any serious symptoms occur like trouble breathing
- Any fever occurs if under 12 weeks old
- Fever without other symptoms lasts over 24 hours (if age less than 2 years)
- Fever lasts over 3 days (72 hours)
- Fever goes above 104° F (40° C)
- You think your child is in pain
- You think your child needs to be seen
- Your child becomes worse

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