

Medicines and Dosages to Reduce Pain and Fever

Choose the proper medicine, and measure the dose accurately.

1. Ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist which medicine is best for your child.
2. Give the dose based on your child's weight. If you don't know your child's weight, give the dose based on your child's age. Do not give more medicine than is recommended.
3. If you have questions about dosage amounts or any other concerns, call your healthcare provider.
4. Always use a proper measuring device. For example:
 - When giving infant drops, use the dropper enclosed in the package. Never use a spoon or a cup!
 - When giving children's liquid, use the cup enclosed in the package. If you misplace the cup, consult your healthcare provider or pharmacist for advice. Kitchen spoons are not accurate measures.



Take these two steps to avoid causing a serious medication overdose in your child.

1. Don't give your child a larger amount of acetaminophen (e.g., Tylenol) or ibuprofen (e.g., Motrin, Advil) than is shown in the table below. Too much of any of these medicines can cause an overdose.
2. When you give your child acetaminophen or ibuprofen, don't also give them over-the-counter (OTC) cough or cold medicines. This can also cause a medication overdose because cough and cold medicines often contain acetaminophen or ibuprofen. In fact, to be safe, don't give OTC cough and cold medicines to your child unless you talk to your child's healthcare provider first.

Acetaminophen (Tylenol or another brand): How much to give?

Give every 4 to 6 hours, as needed, no more than 5 times in 24 hours (unless directed to do otherwise by your healthcare provider).

CHILD'S WEIGHT	CHILD'S AGE	INFANT'S DROPS 80 mg in each 0.8 mL 	CHILDREN'S LIQUID 160 mg in 5 mL (1 tsp)  Kitchen spoons are not accurate measures.	CHILDREN'S TABLETS 80 mg in each tab	JUNIOR STRENGTH 160 mg in each tab
6–11 lbs (2.7–5 kg)	0–3 mos	Advised dose* _____	Advised dose* _____		
12–17 lbs (5.5–7.7 kg)	4–11 mos	Advised dose* _____	Advised dose* _____		
18–23 lbs (8.2–10.5 kg)	12–23 mos	Advised dose* _____	Advised dose* _____		
24–35 lbs (10.9–15.9 kg)	2–3 yrs	1.6 mL (0.8 mL+0.8 mL)	1 teaspoon or 5 mL	2 tablets	
36–47 lbs (16.4–21.4 kg)	4–5 yrs		1½ teaspoon or 7.5 mL	3 tablets	
48–59 lbs (21.8–26.8 kg)	6–8 yrs		2 teaspoons or 10 mL	4 tablets	2 tablets
60–71 lbs (27.3–32.3 kg)	9–10 yrs		2½ teaspoons or 12.5 mL	5 tablets	2½ tablets
72–95 lbs (32.7–43.2 kg)	11 yrs		3 teaspoons or 15 mL	6 tablets	3 tablets

Ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin, or another brand): How much to give?

Give every 6 to 8 hours, as needed, no more than 4 times in 24 hours (unless directed to do otherwise by your healthcare provider).

CHILD'S WEIGHT	CHILD'S AGE	INFANT'S DROPS 50 mg in each 1.25 mL 	CHILDREN'S LIQUID 100 mg in 5 mL (1 tsp)  Kitchen spoons are not accurate measures.	CHILDREN'S TABLETS 50 mg in each tab	JUNIOR STRENGTH 100 mg in each tab
less than 11 lbs (5 kg)	0–5 mos				
12–17 lbs (5.5–7.7 kg)	6–11 mos	1.25 mL	Advised dose* _____		
18–23 lbs (8.2–10.5 kg)	12–23 mos	1.875 mL	Advised dose* _____		
24–35 lbs (10.9–15.9 kg)	2–3 yrs		1 teaspoon or 5 mL	2 tablets	
36–47 lbs (16.4–21.4 kg)	4–5 yrs		1½ teaspoon or 7.5 mL	3 tablets	
48–59 lbs (21.8–26.8 kg)	6–8 yrs		2 teaspoons or 10 mL	4 tablets	2 tablets
60–71 lbs (27.3–32.3 kg)	9–10 yrs		2½ teaspoons or 12.5 mL	5 tablets	2½ tablets
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* HEALTHCARE PROVIDER: PLEASE FILL IN THE ADVISED DOSE.