

Pediatric Fever Sheet

Please remember to keep all medications out of your child's reach at all times.

Fever in children can be a very distressing event for parents. It is important to understand that in most cases, fever is a good sign as it tells us your child's body is actively fighting an infection. Fever can be managed safely at home in many cases. For any child, a fever of 105° F or greater is a medical emergency and you must transport your child to the Emergency Department (ER) as soon as possible to avoid the potential of seizures and possible neurological damage. Below is a list of specific instructions for proper dosing of Tylenol®, Acetaminophen and Motrin®, Advil®, and Ibuprofen. Please follow these instructions for addressing fevers under 105°F that occur after regular office hours and call us the next morning for an appointment on that day. Please always remember to transport your child to the ER for fever of 105° F or greater. For all children aged 3 months or younger, a **rectal** temperature of 100.5° F or greater is a medical emergency, please come to the office or go immediately to the nearest ER.

Acetaminophen/Tylenol® for fever and pain. Typical uses include fevers, immunizations, teething, earaches, bruises, headaches, etc. **Please notify us prior to using for babies under 2 months of age.**

Acetaminophen/Tylenol® is available in the following forms:

- Infant drops (80mg/0.8ml) Note: 0.8ml = 1 dropper
- Children's liquid (160mg/5ml) Note: 5ml = 1tsp
- Chewable tablets (80mg)
- Junior strength tablets (160mg)
- Rectal suppository (80mg, 120mg, 325mg)

Note: Suppositories can be used if the child is vomiting or is very resistant to taking medicine by mouth. The suppositories can be cut-up to get the proper dose.

Acetaminophen/Tylenol® Dosing Chart - May give dose every 4 to 6 hours:

Weight	Mg Dosage	Infant drops 80mg/0.8ml	Children's Liquid 160/5ml	Chewables 80mg	Junior 160mg
6 – 8 lbs	40mg	½ dropper (0.4 ml)	N/A	N/A	N/A
9 – 11 lbs	60mg	¾ dropper (0.6 ml)	N/A	N/A	N/A
12 – 17 lbs	80mg	1 dropper (0.8 ml)	N/A	N/A	N/A
18 – 23 lbs	120mg	1½ droppers (1.2 ml)	N/A	N/A	N/A
24 – 35 lbs	160 mg	2 droppers (1.6 ml)	1 tsp (5 ml)	2 tablets	1 tablet
36 – 47 lbs	240 mg	3 droppers 2.4 ml)	1 ½ tsp (7.5 ml)	3 tablets	1 ½ tablets
48 – 59 lbs	320 mg	N/A	2 tsp (10 ml)	4 tablets	2 tablets
60 – 71 lbs	400 mg	N/A	2 ½ tsp (12.5 ml)	5 tablets	2 ½ tablets
72 – 95 lbs	500 mg	N/A	3 tsp (15 ml)	6 tablets	3 tablets

Ibuprofen, Motrin®, & Advil® for fever, pain, and inflammation. Typical uses include fevers, immunizations, teething, earaches, bruises, headache, sunburns, sore muscles, etc. ***We recommend that Ibuprofen, Motrin®, Advil® not be used in babies under 6 months of age.***

Ibuprofen, Motrin®, & Advil® is available in the following forms:

- Infant drops (50mg/1.25ml) Note: 1.25 ml = 1 dropper
- Children's liquid (100mg/5ml) Note: 5 ml = 1 tsp
- Chewable tablets (50mg)
- Junior strength tablets (100mg)

Ibuprofen, Motrin®, & Advil® Dosing Chart – May give dose every 6 to 8 hours:

Weight	Mg Dosage	Infant drops 50mg/1.25ml	Children's liquid 100mg/5ml	Chewables 50mg	Junior 100mg
12 – 17 lbs	50 mg	1 dropper (1.25ml)	N/A	N/A	N/A
18 – 23 lbs	75mg	1 ½ droppers (1.875ml)	N/A	N/A	N/A
24 – 38 lbs	100 mg	2 droppers (2.5ml)	1 tsp (5ml)	2 tablets	1 tablet
36 – 47 lbs	150 mg	3 droppers (3.75)	1 ½ tsp (7.5ml)	3 tablets	1 ½ tablets
48 – 59 lbs	200 mg	N/A	2 tsp (10ml)	4 tablets	2 tablets
60 – 71 lbs	250 mg	N/A	2 ½ tsp (12.5ml)	5 tablets	2 ½ tablets
72 – 95 lbs	300mg	N/A	3 tsp (15ml)	6 tablets	3 tablets