

Medications and Dosages to Reduce Pain and Fever

Important notes:

1. See the chart below to determine which formulation is best for your child.
2. Give dose based on your child's weight. If you don't know the weight, give dose based on your child's age. Do not give more medication than recommended.
3. Always use a proper measuring device. For example:
 - When giving infant drops, use only the dosing device (dropper or syringe) enclosed in the package.
 - When giving children's suspension or liquid, use the dosage cup enclosed in the package. If you misplace the dosage cup, consult your pharmacist for advice. (Kitchen spoons are not accurate measures.)
4. **WARNING:** If you're also giving your child over-the-counter (OTC) medications such as cold preparations, be aware that these may contain pain relievers or fever reducers such as acetaminophen or ibuprofen. Be sure to read all OTC medication labels carefully to ensure your child is not receiving more acetaminophen or ibuprofen than recommended.

Acetaminophen Dosing Information (Tylenol® or another brand)

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

Weight of child	Age of child	Infant drops 0.8 mL = 80 mg	Children's liquid or suspension 1 tsp (5 mL) = 160 mg	Children's tablets 1 tablet = 80 mg	Junior strength 1 tablet = 160 mg
6–11 lbs (2.7–5 kg)	under 6 mos	0.4 mL (40 mg)			
12–17 lbs (5.5–7.7 kg)	0–3 mos	0.8 mL (80 mg)	½ teaspoon (80 mg)		
18–23 lbs (8.2–10.5 kg)	4–11 mos	1.2 mL (120 mg)	¾ teaspoon (120 mg)		
24–35 lbs (10.9–15.9 kg)	12–23 mos	1.6 mL (160 mg)	1 teaspoon (160 mg)	2 tablets	
36–47 lbs (16.4–21.4 kg)	2–3 yrs		1½ teaspoons (240 mg)	3 tablets	
48–59 lbs (21.8–26.8 kg)	6–8 yrs		2 teaspoons (320 mg)	4 tablets	2 tablets
60–71 lbs (27.3–32.3 kg)	9–10 yrs		2½ teaspoons (400 mg)	5 tablets	2½ tablets
72–95 lbs (32.7–43.2 kg)	11 yrs		3 teaspoons (480 mg)	6 tablets	3 tablets

Ibuprofen Dosing Information (Advil®, Motrin® or another brand) for Children >= 6 months of age

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

Weight of child	Age of child	Infant drops 1.25 mL = 50 mg	Children's liquid or suspension 1 tsp (5 mL) = 100 mg	Children's tablets 1 tablet = 50 mg	Junior strength 1 tablet = 100 mg
12–17 lbs (5.5–7.7 kg)	6–11 mos	1.25 mL (50 mg)	½ teaspoon (50 mg)		
18–23 lbs (8.2–10.5 kg)	12–23 mos	1.875 mL (75 mg)	¾ teaspoon (75 mg)		
24–35 lbs (10.9–15.9 kg)	2–3 yrs	2.5 mL (100 mg)	1 teaspoon (100 mg)	2 tablets	
36–47 lbs (16.4–21.4 kg)	4–5 yrs		1½ teaspoons (150 mg)	3 tablets	
48–59 lbs (21.8–26.8 kg)	6–8 yrs		2 teaspoons (200 mg)	4 tablets	2 tablets
60–71 lbs (27.3–32.3 kg)	9–10 yrs		2½ teaspoons (250 mg)	5 tablets	2½ tablets
72–95 lbs (32.7–43.2 kg)	11 yrs		3 teaspoons (300 mg)	6 tablets	3 tablets