

Acetaminophen & Ibuprofen

mL = milliliters

Acetaminophen (Tylenol® or other brand)

- Give every 4 to 6 hours as needed.
- Do not give more than 5 doses in 24 hours.
- Use WEIGHT for dosing, if possible.



Weight in pounds (lbs.)	Age (approximately)	Acetaminophen Liquid 160 mg/5 mL
6-11 lbs.	0-3 months	1.25 mL
12-17 lbs.	4-11 months	2.5 mL
18-23 lbs.	12-23 months	3.75 mL
24-35 lbs.	2-3 years	5 mL
36-47 lbs.	4-5 years	7.5 mL
48-59 lbs.	6-8 years	10 mL
60-71 lbs.	9-10 years	12.5 mL
72-95 lbs.	11 years	15 mL
96 lbs. and over		20 mL

Ibuprofen (Advil®, Motrin® or other brand)

- Give every 6 to 8 hours as needed, with food if able.
- Do not give more than 4 doses in 24 hours.
- Use WEIGHT for dosing, if possible.

Weight in pounds (lbs.)	Age (approximately)	Ibuprofen Liquid 100 mg/5 mL
24-35 lbs.	2-3 years	5 mL
36-47 lbs.	4-5 years	7.5 mL
48-59 lbs.	6-8 years	10 mL
60-71 lbs.	9-10 years	12.5 mL
72-95 lbs.	11 years	15 mL
96 lbs. and over		20 mL

INFANT Concentrated Ibuprofen Drops 50 mg/1.25 mL

Weight in pounds (lbs.)	Age (approximately)	Infant Ibuprofen Concentrated drops 50 mg per 1.25 mL
12-17 lbs.	6-11 months	1.25 mL 
18-23 lbs.	12-23 months	1.875 mL 

Helpful Information

- Find the correct dosage by using your child's weight on the left side of the charts on reverse side of this sheet.
- Ibuprofen (Motrin) can be given without food, but it is better with food.
- If your child has a fever and they are not hungry still give medicine. They will want to eat if they feel better.
- Use a syringe or dropper and not a teaspoons or kitchen spoon.
- Switch between ibuprofen (Motrin) and acetaminophen (Tylenol) every 4-6 hours based on the chart. Switch between medicines for only 24 hours or less.
- Do not give aspirin to children under 19 years old.
- Tylenol suppositories are good for fever if your child is vomiting. You may have to cut the suppository to make the correct dose for your child.

This information is general educational information only. It is not intended as medical advice for individual conditions or treatments. Talk to your doctor, nurse or pharmacist before following any medical regimen to see if it is safe and effective for you.