

Acetaminophen Dosing Chart

Weight in pounds	6 - 11	12 - 17	18 - 23	24 - 35	36 - 47	48 - 59	60 - 71	72 - 95	96+
Milligram (mg) amount	40 mg	80 mg	120 mg	160 mg	240 mg	325 mg	400 mg	480 mg	650 mg
Liquid 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
Chewable tablets 80 mg each			1 ½ tablets	2 tablets	3 tablets	4 tablets	5 tablets	6 tablets	8 tablets
Chewable tablets 160 mg each				1 tablet	1 ½ tablets	2 tablets	2 ½ tablets	3 tablets	4 tablets
Adult regular strength tablets 325 mg each						1 tablet	1 tablet	1 ½ tablets	2 tablets
Adult extra strength tablets 500 mg each								1 tablet	1 tablet

- **When to Use:** Treatment of pain or fever.
- **Brand Names:** Tylenol, store-brand or generic acetaminophen
- **Age Limit:** Don't use under 12 weeks of age. Reason: fever during the first 12 weeks of life needs to be documented in a medical setting. If present, your infant needs a complete evaluation. Exception: Fever from immunization if infant is 8 weeks of age or older.
- **Dosage:** Determine by finding child's **weight** in the top row of the dosage chart.
- **Measuring the Dose:** Use a special measuring or dosing device. If possible, use the syringe or dropper that comes with the medicine. If not, medicine syringes are available at pharmacies. If you use a teaspoon, it must be a measuring spoon. Regular household spoons are not accurate. Also, remember that 1 level teaspoon equals 5 mL and that ½ teaspoon equals 2.5 mL.
- **How Often:** Repeat every 4 to 6 hours as needed. Caution: Don't give more than 5 times a day. Reason: Danger of liver damage.
- **Caution:** Do not alternate acetaminophen (Tylenol) and ibuprofen products. Reason: No benefit over using 1 med alone and a risk of overdose. Exception: Your child's doctor has instructed you to do this.
- **Avoid extended-release:** Avoid 650 mg products in children. Reason: they are given every 8 hours.
- **Suppositories:** Suppositories are sometimes needed for children who are vomiting and have a high fever. Rectal suppositories come in 80, 120, 325 and 650 mg sizes. FeverAll is a common brand. The rectal dose is the same as the dosage given by mouth.

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Ibuprofen Dosing Chart

Weight in pounds	12 - 17	18 - 23	24 - 35	36 - 47	48 - 59	60 - 71	72 - 95	96+
Milligram (mg) amount	50 mg	75 mg	100 mg	150 mg	200 mg	250 mg	300 mg	400 mg
Infant Drops 50 mg / 1.25 mL	1.25 mL	1.875 mL	2.5 mL	3.75 mL	5 mL			
Liquid 100 mg / 5mL	2.5 mL	4 mL	5 mL	7.5 mL	10 mL	12.5 mL	15 mL	20 mL
Chewable tablets 100 mg each			1 tablet	1.5 tablets	2 tablets	2.5 tablets	3 tablets	4 tablets
Junior strength tablets 100 mg each					2 tablets	2.5 tablets	3 tablets	4 tablets
Adult strength tablets 200 mg each					1 tablet	1 tablet	1.5 tablets	2 tablets

- **When to Use:** Treatment of pain or fever.
- **Brand Names:** Motrin, Advil, store-brand or generic ibuprofen
- **Age Limit:** Don't use under 6 months of age. Reason: Safety not established and doesn't have FDA approval. Exception: Your doctor has instructed you to use.
- **Dosage:** Determine by finding child's **weight** in the top row of the dosage chart.
- **Measuring the Dosage:** Use a special measuring or dosing device. If possible, use the syringe or dropper that comes with the medicine. If not, medicine syringes are available at pharmacies. If you use a teaspoon, it must be a measuring spoon. Regular household spoons are not accurate. Also, remember that 1 level teaspoon equals 5 mL and that ½ teaspoon equals 2.5 mL.
- **How Often:** Repeat every 6 to 8 hours as needed.
- **Caution:** Do not alternate acetaminophen (Tylenol) and ibuprofen products. Reason: No benefit over using 1 med alone and a risk of overdose. Exception: Your child's doctor has instructed you to do this.
- **Adult Dosage:** 400 mg
- **Infant Drops:** Ibuprofen infant drops come with a measuring syringe.

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