

Medicines for Fever or Pain Relief

Acetaminophen

Acetaminophen is available without a prescription. Children older than 2 months of age can be given any one of the acetaminophen products. They all have the same dosage. Give the correct dosage for your child's weight every 4 to 6 hours.

		12-17 pounds	18-23 pounds	24-35 pounds	36-47 pounds	48-59 pounds	60-71 pounds	72-95 pounds	96+ pounds
Syrup (160mg/5ml)	4-6 hours	½ tsp	¾ tsp	1 tsp	1 ½ tsp	2 tsp	2 ½ tsp	3 tsp	4tsp
Chewable Tablets (80mg)	4-6 hours		1 ½ tab	2 tab	3 tab	4 tab	5 tab	6 tab	8 tab
Chewable tablets (160mg)	4-6 hours			1 tab	1 ½ tab	2 tab	2 ½ tab	3 tab	4 tab
Adult tablets (325 mg)	4-6 hours						1 tab	1 to 1 ½ tab	2 tab

Suppositories: Acetaminophen is also available as a rectal suppository in 120mg, 325 mg, and 650 mg dosages. Suppositories are useful if a child with a fever is vomiting often or having seizures caused by the fever.

Ibuprofen

Ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin) is available without a prescription. Give the correct dosage for your child's weight every 6 to 8 hours.

	May give every	12-17 pounds	18-23 pounds	24-35 pounds	36-47 pounds	48-59 pounds	60-71 pounds	72-95 pounds	96+ pounds
Drops (50mg/1.25ml)	6-8 hours	1 dppr	1 ½ dppr	2 dppr					
Syrup (100mg/5ml)	6-8 hours		¾ tsp	1 tsp	1 ½ tsp	2 tsp	2 ½ tsp	3 tsp	4 tsp
Chewable tabs (50 mg)	6-8 hours		1 ½ tab	2 tab	3 tab	4 tab	5 tab	6 tab	8 tab
Chewable tabs (100 mg)	6-8 hours			1 tab	1 ½ tab	2 tab	2 ½ tab	3 tab	4 tab
Adult tablets (200 mg)	6-8 hours							1 ½ tab	2 tab