



Total Family Care

Tylenol (Acetaminophen) Dosages

Tylenol/ Acetaminophen reduces fever and relieves pain. Typical uses include fevers, immunizations, teething, earaches, bruises, headaches, etc. Please notify us prior to using Tylenol for babies under 2 months of age. Tylenol/ Acetaminophen is available in the following forms:

- **Old infant drops:** 80 mg/0.8 ml per dropper (shake well before using)
- **New infant liquid:** 160 mg/5 ml per included syringe (shake well before using)
- **Children's chews or meltaways:** 80 mg each
- **Junior-strength chews or meltaways:** 160 mg each
- **Adult regular-strength tablets:** 325 mg each
- **Rectal Suppository:** 120mg

Tylenol Dosing Chart

May give Acetaminophen dose every 4 - 6 hours:

Weight	Tylenol Milligram Dosage	Old Tylenol Infant drops 80mg/0.8ml	Tylenol Infant/Children's liquid 160mg/5ml	Tylenol Chewables 80mg each	Tylenol Junior 160mg each
6 - 8 lbs	40 mg	½ dropper (0.4 ml)	¼ tsp (1.25 ml)	N/A	N/A
9 - 11 lbs	60 mg	¾ dropper (0.6 ml)	½ tsp (1.875 ml)	N/A	N/A
12 - 17 lbs	80 mg	1 dropper (0.8 ml)	½ tsp (2.5 ml)	N/A	N/A
18 - 23 lbs	120 mg	1 ½ dropper (1.2 ml)	¾ tsp (3.75 ml)	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 tablet
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

- ✓ Tylenol can be given up to every 4 hours, up to 5 times per day.
- ✓ Tylenol can be given for pain or fever.
- ✓ This is especially true after vaccinations. Give Tylenol if your baby is cranky.
- ✓ Tylenol may be given without much food.

Safety Tips for Tylenol/Acetaminophen

1. Don't give to a baby under 3 months without a doctor's approval.
2. Don't confuse infant drops (which began to be phased out in July 2011) with the new infant liquid. (Infant drops are three times more concentrated.)
3. Always use the measuring device that comes with the medicine.
4. The proper dosage is based on weight, not age.
5. Never give acetaminophen to a child who's taking other medicines unless directed by a doctor. Other medicines may also contain acetaminophen, creating a dangerous overdose.
6. Please remember to keep all medications out of your child's reach at all times.



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Motrin or Advil (Ibuprofen) Dosages

Motrin or Advil/ Ibuprofen reduces fever, relieves pain, and fights inflammation. Typical uses include fevers, immunizations, teething, earaches, bruises, headache, sunburns, sore muscles, etc. Ibuprofen 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)

We usually recommend that Ibuprofen not be used in babies under 6 months of age.

Ibuprofen (Motrin / Advil) Dosing Chart

May give Ibuprofen dose every 6 - 8 hours:

Motrin Milligram Dosage	Motrin Infant drops 50mg/1.25ml	Motrin Children's liquid 100mg/5ml	Motrin Chewables 50mg each	Motrin Junior 100mg each	
12 – 17 lbs	50 mg	1 dropper (1.25 ml)	½ tsp (2.5 ml)	N/A	N/A
18 – 23 lbs	75 mg	1 ½ dropper (1.875 ml)	¾ tsp (3.75 ml)	N/A	N/A
24 – 35 lbs	100 mg	2 droppers (2.5 ml)	1 tsp (5 ml)	2 tablets	1 tablet
36 – 47 lbs	150 mg	3 droppers (3.75 ml)	1 ½ tsp (7.5 ml)	3 tablets	1 ½ tablet
48 – 59 lbs	200 mg	N/A	2 tsp (10 ml)	4 tablets	2 tablets
60 – 71 lbs	250 mg	N/A	2 ½ tsp (12.5 ml)	5 tablets	2 ½ tablets
72 – 95 lbs	300 mg	N/A	3 tsp (15 ml)	6 tablets	3 tablets

- ✓ Motrin could be given every 6 to 8 hours, no more than 3 times per day.
- ✓ Always take Motrin with food or drink. Repeatedly taking Motrin on an empty stomach may result in gastritis and/or gastric ulcers.
- ✓ Dosing Motrin is more accurate based on weight, not age.
- ✓ For fevers 103 or greater or for severe pain, it is reasonable to alternate between Motrin and Tylenol every 3 hours. Do not do this for more than 24 hours.

If you suspect your child overdosed on Tylenol, please call Poison Control at 800-222-1222.



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