



# Acetaminophen Dosing\* (Tylenol®)

*\*Acetaminophen is not recommended for use with children under 12 weeks of age. Do not use unless directed by your child's pediatrician to do so.*

**Brand names:** Tylenol®

**When to use:** For treatment of pain or fever.

**How often:** Every 4-6 hours as needed. **Avoid using extended-release products** (650mg) with children.

**How much:** Use the chart below to determine the proper dosage based on your child's weight. Use a special measuring or dosing device, if possible. Medicine syringes are available at any pharmacy. If you use a teaspoon, it must be a measuring spoon. **Regular household spoons are not accurate.**

Do not alternate between ibuprofen and acetaminophen products unless specifically instructed to do so by your pediatrician. There's a risk of overdose and no benefit over using one medication by itself.

**Suppositories:** These are sometimes needed for children who are vomiting and have a high fever. Rectal suppositories come in 80, 120, 325 and 650mg sizes. Use the same amount you would with oral dosing.

Weight	6-11 lbs	12-17 lbs	18-23 lbs	24-35 lbs	36-47 lbs	48-59 lbs	60-71 lbs	72-95 lbs	96 lbs+
<b>Dose</b>	40mg	80mg	120mg	160mg	240mg	325mg	400mg	480mg	650mg
<b>Liquid</b> 160mg / 5mL	1.25mL	2.5mL	3.75mL	5mL	7.5mL	10mL	12.5mL	15mL	20mL
<b>Chewable Tablet</b> 80mg tabs			1 1/2 tablets	2 tablets	3 tablets	4 tablets	5 tablets	6 tablets	8 tablets
<b>Chewable Tablet</b> 160mg tabs				1 tablet	1 1/2 tablets	2 tablets	2 1/2 tablets	3 tablets	4 tablets
<b>Adult Tablet</b> Regular Strength 325mg tabs						1 tablet	1 tablet	1 1/2 tablets	2 tablets
<b>Adult Tablet</b> Extra Strength 500mg tabs								1 tablet	1 tablet