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## Acetaminophen Dosage Sheet

- Brand Name: **Tylenol**, FeverAll (suppositories), generic acetaminophen

**Indications:** Treatment of fever and pain.

**Frequency:** Repeat every 4 to 6 hours as needed. Don't give more than 5 times a day.

**Dosage:** Determined by using the table below. If using liquid suspension, please confirm that the concentration of the product you are using is 160mg per every 5mL.

**\*Do NOT use for infants under 12 weeks old, unless instructed by a doctor.**

**Infants with fevers need to be evaluated by a medical provider.**

**Exception: Fever after immunizations in infants 2 months or older.**

Child's Weight (lbs)	Dose in mg	Infant's and Children's Oral Suspension (160mg/5mL)	Children's Chewable 80mg tablets	Junior Chewable 160mg tablets	Adult 325 mg tablets	Adult 500 mg tablets
6-11 lbs	40 mg	1.25 mL				
12-17 lbs	80 mg	2.5 mL				
18-23 lbs	120 mg	3.75 mL	1 ½ chew tabs			
24-35 lbs	160 mg	5 mL	2 chew tabs	1 chew tab		
36-47 lbs	240 mg	7.5 mL	3 chew tabs	1 ½ chew tabs		
48-59 lbs	320 mg	10 mL	4 chew tabs	2 chew tabs	1 tab	
60-71 lbs	400 mg	12.5 mL	5 chew tabs	2 ½ chew tabs	1 tab	
72-95 lbs	480 mg	15 mL	6 chew tabs	3 chew tabs	1 ½ tabs	1 tab

Note: Acetaminophen also comes in 80, 120, 325 and 650 mg **Rectal Suppositories**.

The rectal dose (in mg) is the same as the oral dose (in mg).

**Measure the Dose:** Medication syringes and droppers are better to use than teaspoons or eating utensils. Use the syringe or dropper that comes with the medicine or pick one up at a pharmacy.

**Why treat a fever?** We want to make the person feel better so they can drink and rest comfortably. Even higher temperatures (103°F or greater) during an illness are not dangerous unless your child has a history of seizures or a chronic disease. Fever is a sign that the body is trying to fight infection, but lowering the fever will not prevent the immune system from doing its job. It is not necessary to lower a child's fever to normal, but reducing it by 1-2 degrees will make your child feel better so they rest and stay hydrated.

**Can I use Ibuprofen and Acetaminophen together?** [For children over 6 months old] You do not have to, but if your child is very uncomfortable, you can use both medicines at the same time or alternating. For example; give a dose of Ibuprofen and follow it a few hours later with a dose of Acetaminophen. Do not give Ibuprofen more often than every 6 hours, and do not give Acetaminophen more often than every 4 hours.