



Acetaminophen/Ibuprofen Dosing Guide

Weight	Infants' Drops Acetaminophen 160mg/5ml	Children's Acetaminophen 160mg/5ml	Infants' Ibuprofen Drops 50mg/1.25ml	Children Ibuprofen Liquid 100mg/5ml	Children Ibuprofen Chewable 50mg tablets	Junior Strength Ibuprofen 100mg tablets	Adult Ibuprofen 200mg tablets
6-11 lbs	1.25ml						
12-17 lbs	2.5ml	2.5ml	1.25ml	2.5ml (1/2 tsp)			
18-23 lbs	3.75ml	3.75ml	1.875ml	4ml			
24-35 lbs	5ml	5ml	2.5ml	5ml (1 tsp)	2 tabs		
36-47 lbs		7.5ml	3.75ml	7.5ml (1 1/2 tsp)	3 tabs		
48-59 lbs		10ml	5ml	10ml (2 tsp)	4 tabs	2 tabs	1 tab
60-71 lbs		12.5ml		12.5ml (2 1/2 tsp)	5 tabs	2 1/2 tabs	1 tab
72-95 lbs		15ml		15ml (3 tsp)	6 tabs	3 tabs	1 1/2 tabs
96 + lbs				20ml (4 tsp)	8 tabs	4 tabs	2 tabs

Indications for both Acetaminophen and Ibuprofen: Treatment of fever and pain.

Table Notes:

- **AGE LIMIT:** Don't use Acetaminophen under 2 months of age. Don't use Ibuprofen under 6 months of age unless directed by child's doctor. (Reason: safety not established and doesn't have FDA approval). Avoid multi-ingredient products in children under 6 years of age (FDA recommendations 1/2008).
- **DOSAGE:** Determine by finding child's **weight** in the top row of the dosage table.
- **MEASURING the DOSAGE:** Syringes and droppers are more accurate than teaspoons. If possible, use the syringe or dropper that comes with the medication. If you use a teaspoon, it should be a measuring spoon. Regular spoons are not reliable. Also, remember that 1 level teaspoon equals 5 ml and that ½ teaspoon equals 2.5 ml.
- **DROPS:** infant drops come with a measuring syringe
- **BRAND NAMES:** Motrin, Advil, generic ibuprofen---Tylenol is brand name for Acetaminophen
- **ADULT DOSAGE:** 400 mg
- **FREQUENCY:** Repeat every 6-8 hours as needed for Ibuprofen; Repeat every 4-6 hours for Acetaminophen