

Children's Dosage Guide

If you have questions about your child/children's medication dosages, please contact our office at 317-272-7887.

IN THE EVENT OF AN OVERDOSE, CONTACT POISON CONTROL AT 1-800-222-1222.

PLEASE BE AWARE that the "old" infant acetaminophen drops (80 mg in each 5 ml) have been phased out in the United States and replaced with less-concentrated form of the medicine. The concentrated drops are still safe to use as long as the dose is correct. Please contact our office if you have questions regarding the concentration of the medicine your child is taking.

Know your child's weight and follow the dosage chart.

Acetaminophen Dosages

(Brand names: Tylenol)

This medicine is used for fever and pain relief. It can be given every 4-6 hours as needed.

Please note, some brands have "infant" and "children's" variety. Note that the "new" infant is the same as the "children's". The concentration for both is 160 mg per 5 ml. Please note the dosages below. Again, please check which concentration of Tylenol you are using to be sure you are giving the appropriate dosing per the concentration.

Weight	Age	INFANT'S Oral Suspension (160 mg in each 5 ml)	CHILDREN'S Oral Suspension (160 mg in each 5 ml)	Meltaways Chewable Tablets (80 mg tablets)	Junior Meltaways Chewable Tablets (160 mg tablets)	Adult Tablets 325 mg Tablets	Adult tablets Extra Strength
6-11 lbs	0-3 mos	Do not use	Do not use	Do not use	Do not use	Do not use	Do not use
12-17 lbs	4-11 mos	2.5 ml	2.5 ml				
18-23 lbs	12-23 mos	3.75 ml	3.75 ml				
24-35 lbs	2-3 yrs	5 ml (1 tsp)	5 ml (1 tsp)	2 tablets	1 tablet		
36-47 lbs	4-5 yrs		7.5 ml (1.5 tsp)	3 tablets	1.5 tablets		
48-59 lbs	6-8 yrs		10 ml (2 tsp)	4 tablets	2 tablets		
60-71 lbs	9-10 yrs		12.5 ml (2.5 tsp)	5 tablets	2.5 tablets		
72-95 lbs	11 yrs		15 ml (3 tsp)	6 tablets	3 tablets	1.5 tablets	
95-135 lbs			20 ml (4 tsp)	8 tablets	4 tablets	2 tablets	1 tablet

Over 135 lbs					5 tablets	2.5 tablets	1.5 tablets
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Ibuprofen Dosages

(Brand names: Motrin and Advil)

This medicine is used for fever and pain relief. It can be used every 6-8 hours as needed.

There is an infant concentration (50 mg per 1.25 ml) and a children's concentration (100 mg per 5 ml). Either one is ok to use in any age child.

Weight	Age	INFANT'S Drops Ibuprofen (50 mg in each 1.25 ml)	CHILDREN'S Oral Suspension (100 mg in each 5 ml)	Junior Chewable Tablets 100 mg tablets	Adult Tablets 200 mg tablets
6-11 lbs	0-5 mos	Do not use	Do not use	Do not use	Do not use
12-17 lbs	6-11 mos	1.25 ml	2.5 ml		
18-23 lbs	12-23 mos	1.875 ml	4.0 ml		
24-35 lbs	2-3 yrs	2.5 ml	5 ml (1 tsp)	1 tablet	
36-47 lbs	4-5 yrs		7.5 ml (1.5 tsp)	1.5 tablets	
48-59 lbs	6-8 yrs		10 ml (2 tsp)	2 tablets	
60-71 lbs	9-10 yrs		12.5 ml (2.5 tsp)	2.5 tablets	1 tablet
72-95 lbs	11 yrs		15 ml (3 tsp)	3 tablets	1.5 tablets
95-135 lbs			20 ml (4 tsp)	4 tablets	2 tablets
Over 135 lbs				6 tablets	3 tablets

Antihistamine Dosages

(Brand names: Benadryl, Claritin, Zyrtec and others)

For allergies, don't use under 1 year of age. For colds, not recommended at any age and should be avoided if under 4 years old. Avoid multi-ingredient products in children under 6 years of age.

Bendadryl Dosage

(Generic: Diphenhydramine)

May repeat dosage every 6 hours as needed

Child's Weight	20-24 lbs	25-37 lbs	38-49 lbs	50-99 lbs	100 + lbs
Liquid 12.5 mg/5ml	¾ tsp	1 tsp	1.5 tsp	2 tsp	4 tsp
Bendadryl Chewable 12.5 mg		1 tablet	1.5 tablets	2 tablets	4 tablets
Capsules 25 mg				1 capsule	2 capsule

Claritin Dosage

(Generic: Loratadine)

	2-5 yrs	6-12 yrs	12+ yrs
Children's Liquid 5 mg/5ml	1 tsp Once Daily	2 tsp Once Daily	2 tsp Once Daily
Children's Chewable 5 mg tablets	1 tablets Once Daily	2 tablets Once Daily	2 tablets Once Daily
Tablets 10 mg		1 tablet Once Daily	1 tablet Once Daily

Zyrtec Dosage

(Generic: Cetirizine)

	6 mos-2 yrs	2-5 yrs	6+ yrs
Children's Liquid 1mg/1ml	½ tsp Once Daily	½ or 1 tsp Once Daily	1 or 2 tsp Once Daily
Children's Chewable 5 mg tablets		1 tablet Once Daily	2 tablets Once Daily
Children's Chewable 10 mg tablets			1 tablet Once Daily
Tablets 10 mg			1 tablet Once Daily

Allegra Dosage

(Generic: Fexofenadine)

	6mos – 2 yrs	2-11 yrs	12+yrs
Children's Liquid 30 mg/5 ml	2.5 ml Twice Daily	5 ml Twice Daily	10 ml Twice Daily
Children's Oral Disintegrating 30 mg Tablets	½ tab Twice Daily	1 tab Twice Daily	2 tabs Twice Daily
Tablets 60 mg			1 tab Twice Daily
Tablets 180 mg			1 tab Once Daily