

HOT TOPIC: Your Child's Fever

- Fever is the body's natural way of fighting infection. It stimulates the immune system, and bacteria and viruses do not grow well in elevated temperatures.
- Fever is a sign of illness, not a disease.
- In some children, fever can be associated with a seizure or dehydration, but fever will not lead to brain damage or death.
- If fever causes discomfort to your child, you may give acetaminophen (see dosage chart below), during waking hours (do not wake up your child to give medication).
- Do not alternate acetaminophen and ibuprofen to treat fever.

Ibuprofen

Weight (lb)	Age	Infants' Concentrated Drops 50 mg per 1.25 ml (Age 6 mo – 23 mo)	Children's Suspension 100 mg per 5 ml (1 tsp) (Age 2 – 11 yr)	Children's Chewable Tablets 50 mg/tablet (Age 2 – 11 yr)	Jr. Strength Chewable Tablets 100 mg/tablet (Age 6 – 11 yr)	Jr. Strength Coated Tablets 100 mg/Caplet (Age 6 – 11 yr)
12 – 17 lbs	6 mo – 11 mo	1.25 mL				
18 – 23 lbs	12 mo – 23 mo	1.875 mL				
24 – 35 lbs	2 yr – 3 yr		1 tsp	2 tablets		
36 – 47 lbs	4 yr – 5 yr		1 ½ tsp	3 tablets		
48 – 59 lbs	6 yr – 8 yr		2 tsp	4 tablets	2 tablets	2 caplets
60 – 71 lbs	9 yr – 10 yr		2 ½ tsp	5 tablets	2 ½ tablets	2 caplets
72 – 95 lbs	11 yr		3 tsp	6 tablets	3 tablets	3 caplets

Acetaminophen

Weight (lb)	Age	Infants' Suspension Drops 80 mg per 0.8 ml (1 dropperful)	Children's Suspension 160 mg per 5 ml (1 tsp)	Children's Chewable Tablets 80 mg/tablet	Jr. Strength Chewable Tablets Swallowable Caplets 160 mg/tablet/caplet
6 – 11 lbs	0 mo – 3 mo	½ dropperful (0.4 ml)			
12 – 17 lbs	4 mo – 11 mo	1 dropperful (0.8 ml)	½ tsp		
18 – 23 lbs	12 mo – 23 mo	1 ½ droppersful	¾ tsp		
24 – 35 lbs	2 yr – 3 yr	2 droppersful	1 tsp	2 tablets	
36 – 47 lbs	4 yr – 5 yr		1 ½ tsp	3 tablets	
48 – 59 lbs	6 yr – 8 yr		2 tsp	4 tablets	2 tablets/caplets
60 – 71 lbs	9 yr – 10 yr		2 ½ tsp	5 tablets	2 ½ tablets/caplets
72 – 95 lbs	11 yr		3 tsp	6 tablets	3 tablets/caplets
96 + lbs	12 yr				4 tablets/caplets