

TAKING YOUR CHILD'S TEMPERATURE

To measure a fever, a digital multi-use thermometer works well.

It can be used rectally for babies and toddlers, under the arm for any age, and in the mouth for children 4 and older.

For infants under 2 months old, it is important to check the rectal temperature.

A temporal artery (side of head) thermometer can be used in children over 3 months old.

A tympanic (ear) thermometer can be used in children over 6 months old.

DOSING MEDICATION FOR FEVER AND PAIN

ACETAMINOPHEN (TYLENOL)

Child's weight (pounds)	6-11	12-17	18-23	24-35	36-47	48-59	60-71	72-95	96+	lbs
Liquid 160 mg/ 5 milliliters (mL)	1.25	2.5	3.75	5	7.5	10	12.5	15	20	mL
Liquid 160 mg/ 1 teaspoon (tsp)	--	½	¾	1	1½	2	2½	3	4	tsp
Chewable 80 mg tablets	--	--	1½	2	3	4	5	6	8	tabs
Chewable 160 mg tablets	--	--	--	1	1½	2	2½	3	4	tabs
Adult 325 mg tablets	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	1½	2	tabs
Adult 500 mg tablets	--	--	--	--	--	--	--	1	1	tab

IBUPROFEN (MOTRIN/ADVIL)

Child's weight (pounds)	12-17	18-23	24-35	36-47	48-59	60-71	72-95	96+	lbs
Infant Drops 50 mg/ 1.25 mL	1.25	1.875	2.5	3.75	5	--	--	--	mL
Liquid 100 mg/ 5 milliliters (mL)	2.5	4	5	7.5	10	12.5	15	20	mL
Liquid 100 mg/ 1 teaspoon (tsp)	½	¾	1	1½	2	2½	3	4	tsp
Chewable 50 mg tablets	--	--	2	3	4	5	6	8	tabs
Junior-strength 100 mg tablets	--	--	--	--	2	2½	3	4	tabs
Adult 200 mg tablets	--	--	--	--	1	1	1½	2	tabs