

Safe Use of Acetaminophen in Children



What is Acetaminophen?

- Medicine used to reduce fever and pain for more than 75 years.
- Sold under brand names such as Tylenol®, Feverall®, Tempra®, Actamin®, and Panadol® - plus store brands sold at CVS, Walgreens, Target, Walmart and others.
- Is in 600+ products so be sure you do not give your child or teen more than one product containing acetaminophen at a time – check the active ingredients in your child’s over the counter medications.

Fast Facts About Giving Acetaminophen

- Safe and effective for children 2 years and older.
- Check with your pediatric nurse practitioner or pediatrician if your child is under 2 years of age.
- Helps to relieve pain and reduce fever temporarily and provides short-term symptom relief in all ages of children and adolescents.



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How and When to Give Acetaminophen (Dosing Information)

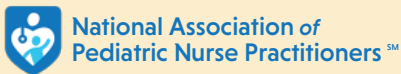
- Use appropriate measuring devices. An oral syringe is the most accurate way to measure and give liquid medicine to your child. For older children, the dosing cup included with the medication can be used. Do not use kitchen spoons to measure medications.
- Available in different forms (liquid, chewable, tablets, suppositories).
- Always use the correct formulation and strength based on your child's **weight** – not **age**, until they are over the age of 12 years. Do not give more than 4 doses in 24 hours.
- Learn how to read medication labels, including Drug Facts.

Scan here for dosing information



When in doubt, always ask your nurse practitioner, pediatrician or pharmacist if you need help understanding proper handling of your child's medications.

Always store medications safely away from children. Poison Control offers 24/7 free, confidential help for accidental medication ingestions at 1-800-222-1222.



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