



Acetaminophen (Tylenol) Dosage Table

This handout contains child doses of an over-the-counter medicine. Use these instructions only with guidance from your child's primary healthcare provider who prescribed this medicine. Check with your child's healthcare provider first before giving any type of medicine to your child.

Child's weight in Pounds (lbs)	under 12 lbs	12-17 lbs	18-23 lbs	24-35 lbs	36-47 lbs	48-59 lbs	60-71 lbs	72-95 lbs	96+ lbs
Child's weight in Kilograms (kg)	under 5 kg	5-7 kg	8-10 kg	11-16 kg	17-21 kg	22-27 kg	28-32 kg	33-43 kg	44+ kg
Suspension 160 mg/5 mL <small>Use dosing cup provided or an oral syringe</small>	Consult provider	2.5 mL	3.8 mL	5 mL	7.5 mL	10 mL	12.5 mL	15 mL	20 mL
Chewable tablets 80 mg			1.5 tablets	2 tablets	3 tablets	4 tablets	5 tablets	6 tablets	8 tablets
Chewable tablets 160 mg				1 tablet	1.5 tablets	2 tablets	2.5 tablets	3 tablets	4 tablets
Tablets 325 mg						1 tablet	1 tablet	1.5 tablets	2 tablets
Tablets 500 mg								1 tablet	1 tablet

Generic name: *Acetaminophen*

Common brand name: *Tylenol*

How to use the table

To give the proper dose of acetaminophen, you must know your child's current weight.

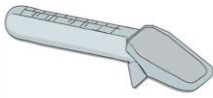
Age limit: Do not give acetaminophen to a baby under 12 weeks of age unless directed by the child's healthcare provider. Infants under 12 weeks with fever over 100.4 F (38 C) rectally should be seen by a healthcare provider.

Dosage: Find your child's weight in the top row of the dosage table. Look at what form of medicine you have: suspension or tablet. Follow where those two points come together. That box is how many milliliters (mL) or tablets of medicine to give your child.

In order to always give your child the right dose, be sure to look at milligram (mg) strength on the bottle's label to see that it matches the strength listed in the left hand column of the chart. There are other concentrations of this medicine.

How often: Repeat every 4 to 6 hours as needed for up to 2 days (48 hours) unless directed to take longer by your child's healthcare provider. **Do not give more than 5 doses** in 24 hours. Use page 3 to keep track of when you give your child acetaminophen.

These are appropriate measuring tools for medicine:



Notes of Caution

- This handout is not intended to replace prescribing information. Please refer to the package insert for complete prescribing information on this medicine.
- Use the measuring device that comes with the bottle. Size 5 mL or 10 mL syringes work well, too. Do not use your kitchen silverware or measuring spoons, which can vary in size.
- A milliliter (mL) and a teaspoon are **not** equal units of measurement. A teaspoon is a lot more (1 teaspoon = 5 mL). Some syringes have both mL and teaspoon measurements.
- Watch for double dosing. Over-the-counter cold products often already contain acetaminophen. Do not give a dose of acetaminophen if your child is already taking medicines that contain it.
- Consult your child's healthcare provider if your child is taking other medicines.
- Do not use for more than 2 days without consulting your child's healthcare provider.
- Do not use more than 5 doses in 24 hours.
- Use can lead to side effects such as liver damage. Please consult your child's healthcare provider or the prescribing information included with the medicine for the complete list of side effects.
- Keep this and all medicine out of reach of children. Call the Washington Poison Center at 1-800-222-1222 if you suspect your child has overdosed on a medicine.
- **Do not give aspirin to children due to risk of Reye's Syndrome.**

To Learn More

- Ask your child’s healthcare provider
- seattlechildrens.org

Free Interpreter Services

- In the hospital, ask your child’s nurse.
- From outside the hospital, call the toll-free Family Interpreting Line 1-866-583-1527. Tell the interpreter the name or extension you need.

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Medicine Log for Acetaminophen

- Record each time you give your child acetaminophen.
- Use the table on page 1 to determine the amount (dose) of medicine to give your child.
- Give your child the medicine every 4 to 6 hours as needed. **Do not give more than 5 doses in 24 hours.**
- Do not use for more than 2 days without consulting your child’s healthcare provider.

Example:

Acetaminophen dose: _____	
Time	Time Given
6 am	
7 am	x
8 am	
9 am	
10 am	
11 am	
12 pm	
1 pm	x
2 pm	
3 pm	
4 pm	
5 pm	
6 pm	
7 pm	x
8 pm	
9 pm	
10 pm	
11 pm	(sleeping)
12 am	
1 am	
2 am	
3 am	
4 am	
5 am	

Day of the week:

Acetaminophen dose: _____	
Time	Time Given
6 am	
7 am	
8 am	
9 am	
10 am	
11 am	
12 pm	
1 pm	
2 pm	
3 pm	
4 pm	
5 pm	
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1 am	
2 am	
3 am	
4 am	
5 am	

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