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## ACETOMINOPHEN (TYLENOL) DOSAGE

WEIGHT	DOSE	DROPS ( no longer manufactured)	SUSPENSION	MELT AWAYS	MELT AWAYS
(lbs.)	(mg)	(80mg/0.8ml) “milliliters”	(160mg/teaspoon) teaspoon//ml	(80 mg each)	(160 mg each)
6-11	40	0.4	1/4 // 1.25	X	X
12-17	80	0.8	1 / 2 // 2.5	X	X
18-23	120	0.8 + 0.4= 1.2	3 / 4 // 3.75	1	X
24-35	160	0.8+0.8=1.6	1 // 5.0	2	X
36-46	240	X	1 – 1 / 2// 7.5	3	X
47-59	320	X	2 // 10.0	4	2
60-71	400	X	2 - 1 / 2 // 12.5	5	2 – 1 / 2
72-95	480	x	3 // 15.0	6	3

This table shows the highest dose recommended for the low end of each weight range (15 mg/kg or 6.8 mg/pound)

Tylenol dosage may be repeated up to every 4 hours as needed.

Medication use represents just one aspect of fever control.

Remember to dress your child appropriately **DO NOT OVERDRESS** even if he/she feels cold or has chills. Our fluid requirements are larger when we have fever; therefore, please encourage your febrile child to drink. A sponge bath in 2 inches of tepid- lukewarm water can do wonders to temporarily relieve a high and dangerous fever (Due to water’s high energy of vaporization, water evaporating off your child’s skin will cool him/her down quickly-Don’t forget that a child’s head represents a significant portion of his/her surface area. Never use alcohol as this may provoke a seizure.) In most cases fever less than 102 degrees F (38.9C) in a well appearing child need not be medicated.