

## Acetaminophen Dosage Table for Fever and Pain\*

Child's Weight (pounds)	6-11	12-17	18-23	24-35	36-47	48-59	60-71	72-95	96+	
Syrup: 160 mg/5 mL	1.25	2.5	3.75	5	7.5	10	12.5	15	20	mL
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	tabs

\*Read table notes below.

- **Caution:** In 2011, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA) recommended liquid, chewable, and tablet forms of acetaminophen be made in just one strength which is 160 milligrams [mg]). Some manufacturers have recently made chewable tablets into a single strength of 160 mg. Infant drops are no longer available. Liquid syrup acetaminophen is available as 160mg/5mL.
- **Age limit:** Do not use acetaminophen under 12 weeks of age unless directed by your pediatrician because fever during the first 12 weeks of life should be discussed with your provider. If a fever is present, your baby needs a complete evaluation. (**Exception:** Fever from an immunization in a child 8 weeks of age or older. If present, please consult with your pediatrician.)
- **Dosage:** Determine by finding child's weight (in pounds) in the top row of the dosage table.
- **Measuring the dosage (in metric units):** Dosing syringes are more accurate than household utensils. Use the syringe or device that comes with the medication. If one does not come with the medication, ask the pharmacist for a medicine syringe. Household spoons are not reliable.
- **Frequency:** Repeat every 4-6 hours as needed. Don't give more than 5 times a day.

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