

ACETAMINOPHEN

The Federal Drug Administration (FDA) has recommended that pharmaceutical industry produce only one concentration of acetaminophen in order to prevent dosing mistakes. However, medication with different drug concentrations but similar-appearing names can still be found in stores and in medicine cabinets. ALWAYS check the active ingredients section on the medication label for the drug concentration (the amount of drug in a certain amount of fluid – for instance, “_mg in _milliliters” or “_mg in each tablet”). Once you check the concentration on the label, check the chart below for your child’s dosage. Call us if you have any questions.

Acetaminophen Types	How often to give medication	10-11 pounds	12-17 pounds	18-23 pounds	24-35 pounds	36-47 pounds	48-59 pounds	60-85 pounds
NEW INFANT CONCENTRATION (CHECK BOTTLE UNDER ACTIVE INGREDIENTS) 160mg in each 5 milliliters	Every 4-6 hours as needed	1.25ml = $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon	2.5ml = $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon	3.75ml = $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon	5 ml = 1 teaspoon	7.5ml = 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons	10 ml = 2 teaspoons	12.5 ml = 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons
CHILDRENS CONCENTRATION (CHECK BOTTLE UNDER ACTIVE INGREDIENTS) 160mg in each 5 milliliters	Every 4-6 hours as needed	1.25ml = $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon	2.5ml = $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoon	3.75ml = $\frac{3}{4}$ teaspoon	5 ml = 1 teaspoon	7.5ml = 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons	10 ml = 2 teaspoons	12.5 ml = 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ teaspoons
OLD INFANT CONCENTRATION/ INFANT DROPS (CHECK BOTTLE UNDER ACTIVE INGREDIENTS) 80mg in each 0.8 milliliters	Every 4-6 hours as needed	0.4 ml ($\frac{1}{2}$ dropper)	0.8 ml (1 dropper)	1.2 ml (1 $\frac{1}{2}$ dropper)	1.6ml (2 dropper)			
Chewable or meltaway(CHECK BOTTLE UNDER ACTIVE INGREDIENTS) 80mg tablets	Every 4-6 hours as needed					3 tabs	4 tabs	5 tabs
Chewable or meltaway (CHECK BOTTLE UNDER ACTIVE INGREDIENTS) 160mg tablets	Every 4-6 hours as needed						2 tabs	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ tabs
Suppository (CHECK BOX UNDER ACTIVE INGREDIENTS) 120mg	Every 4-6 hours as needed			1 suppository	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ suppository			
Suppository (CHECK BOX UNDER ACTIVE INGREDIENTS) 325mg	Every 4-6 hours as needed				$\frac{1}{2}$ suppository	$\frac{3}{4}$ suppository	1 suppository	