

## PEDIATRIC MEDICATION DOSES

(See "Fever Guidelines" section for further recommendations of when to treat a fever)

**Note:** Age is provided as a convenience only. Dosing should be based on baseline weight. If you can't remember how much your young child weighed at his last checkup, step on a scale while holding him, then weigh yourself alone. Subtract your weight from the combined weight to get his current weight.

We do not recommend using any aspirin products (including baby aspirin) to treat a fever or pain. Consult with the health care provider before using any aspirin containing products.

### Acetaminophen (Tylenol)

Dosage may be repeated every 4-6 hours as needed,  
but do not exceed more than 4 doses in 24 hours.

Please use only the measuring device that comes with the medication for dosing.

| Age             | Weight           | Acetaminophen<br>Infant/Children's<br>Suspension<br>160mg/5ml (1tsp) | Acetaminophen<br>Children's<br>Meltaway Tab<br>80mg/tablet | Acetaminophen<br>Jr. Strength<br>Meltaway Tab<br>160mg/tablet |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|
| 2-3 months      | 6-11<br>lbs      | 1.25 mL                                                              | -                                                          | -                                                             |
| 4-11<br>months  | 12-17<br>lbs     | 2.5 mL                                                               | -                                                          | -                                                             |
| 12-23<br>months | 18-23<br>lbs     | 3.75 mL                                                              | -                                                          | -                                                             |
| 2-3 years       | 24-35<br>lbs     | 1 tsp or 5mL                                                         | 2 tab                                                      | -                                                             |
| 4-5 years       | 36-47<br>lbs     | 1½ tsp or 7.5mL                                                      | 3 tab                                                      | -                                                             |
| 6-8 years       | 48-59<br>lbs     | 2 tsp or 10mL                                                        | 4 tab                                                      | 2 tab                                                         |
| 9-10 years      | 60-71<br>lbs     | 2½ tsp or 12.5mL                                                     | 5 tab                                                      | 2½ tab                                                        |
| 11 years        | 72-95<br>lbs     | 3 tsp or 15mL                                                        | 6 tab                                                      | 3 tab                                                         |
| 12 years        | 95 lbs &<br>over | -                                                                    | -                                                          | 4 tab                                                         |

## Ibuprofen (Motrin, Advil)

Dosages may be repeated every 6 to 8 hours, but should not be given more than 4 times in twenty-four hours. Please use only the measuring device that comes with the medication for dosing.

| <b>Age</b>   | <b>Weight</b> | <b>Ibuprofen Concentrated Infant Drops<br/>50mg/1.25mL</b> | <b>Ibuprofen Children's Suspension<br/>100mg/5ml</b> | <b>Ibuprofen Jr. Caplets<br/>100mg/caplet</b> | <b>Ibuprofen Jr. Chewable Tablets<br/>100mg/tab</b> |
|--------------|---------------|------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------|
| 0-5 months   | 6-11 lbs      | <b>DO NOT USE IN INFANTS LESS THAN 6 MONTHS OLD</b>        |                                                      |                                               |                                                     |
| 6-11 months  | 12-17 lbs     | 1.25mL                                                     | -                                                    | -                                             | -                                                   |
| 12-23 months | 18-23 lbs     | 1.875mL                                                    | -                                                    | -                                             | -                                                   |
| 2-3 years    | 24-35 lbs     | -                                                          | 1tsp or 5mL                                          | -                                             | 1 tablet                                            |
| 4-5 years    | 36-47 lbs     | -                                                          | 1½ tsp or 7.5mL                                      | -                                             | 1½ tablet                                           |
| 6-8 years    | 48-59 lbs     | -                                                          | 2 tsp or 10mL                                        | 2 caplets                                     | 2 tablet                                            |
| 9-10 years   | 60-71 lbs     | -                                                          | 2½ tsp or 12.5mL                                     | 2½ caplets                                    | 2½ tablet                                           |
| 11 years     | 72-95 lbs     | -                                                          | 3 tsp or 15mL                                        | 3 caplets                                     | 3 tablet                                            |
| 12 years     | 95+ lbs       | -                                                          | 4 tsp or 20mL                                        | 4 caplets                                     | 4 tablets                                           |

## Diphenhydramine (Benadryl)

Dosage may be repeated every 6 hours as needed for allergy symptoms. Please use only the measuring device that comes with the medication for dosing.

| Age           | Weight    | Diphenhydramine<br>Elixir/Liquid<br>12.5mg/5mL | Diphenhydramine<br>Chewable tablet<br>12.5mg |
|---------------|-----------|------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 0-3<br>months | 6-11 lbs  | -                                              | -                                            |
| 4-11 months   | 12-17 lbs | 1.25mL ( $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp)                    | $\frac{1}{4}$ tablet                         |
| 12-23 months  | 18-23 lbs | 2.5mL ( $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp)                     | $\frac{1}{2}$ tablet                         |
| 2-3 years     | 24-35 lbs | 3.75mL ( $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp)                    | $\frac{3}{4}$ tablet                         |
| 4-5 years     | 36-47 lbs | 5mL (1 tsp)                                    | 1 tablet                                     |
| 6-8 years     | 48-59 lbs | 6.25mL ( $1\frac{1}{4}$ tsp)                   | $1\frac{1}{4}$ tablets                       |
| 9-10 years    | 60-71 lbs | 7.5mL ( $1\frac{1}{2}$ tsp)                    | $1\frac{1}{2}$ tablets                       |
| 11 years      | 72-95 lbs | 8.75mL ( $1\frac{3}{4}$ tsp)                   | $1\frac{3}{4}$ tablets                       |
| 12 + years    | >95 lbs   | 10mL (2 tsp)                                   | 2 tablets                                    |

Call your health care provider if you think your child is having an allergic reaction as dosing may need to be adjusted (we may recommend a higher dose for allergic reactions) or an emergency evaluation may be needed. **Call 911 if severe allergic symptoms or signs of throat swelling, difficulty breathing, and or feeling light headed are present.**