

# FEVER

A fever under 106° is not harmful to your child. A fever is the body's way of fighting infection. Your child's behavior is much more important than the degree of fever. Fevers are only of concern if your child is less than 3 months of age, if it lasts longer than 4 days or if it does not respond to fever-reducing medications.

## IMPORTANT FEVER FACTS:

- Always take your child's temperature to accurately monitor your child's fever.
- A fever is defined as a temperature greater than 99.5° under arm or 100.5° rectal. These numbers are the actual reading off the thermometer, do not adjust the temperature. When calling our office please give us the actual readings only.
- Any infant younger than 3 months of age with a fever needs to be seen immediately. When younger than 3 months of age, do not treat a fever unless directed to do so by our office.
- If the fever is less than 102°, use acetaminophen (Tylenol®, Tempra®, Fever-all®).
- If your child's fever is greater than 102.5°, we recommend the use of ibuprofen (Motrin®, Advil®).
- Please note, Ibuprofen is for 6 months of age and older. Do not give it under the age of 6 months unless directed by a physician.
- Any fever lasting longer than 4 days (greater than 96 hours) needs to be evaluated in our office.

### ACETAMINOPHEN (Tylenol®) given every 4 – 6 hours

Weight	Children Suspension 160MG/5ML	Chewable/meltaway 160MG Tablet
10 – 14 lbs.	2 ml	
15 – 19 lbs.	3 ml	
20 – 24 lbs.	4 ml	
25 – 28 lbs.	1 tsp/5 ml	1 tab
29 -32 lbs.	6 ml	1 tab
33 – 37 lbs.	7 ml	1 ½ tab
38 – 41 lbs.	8 ml	1 ½ tabs
42 – 46 lbs.	9 ml	1 ½ tabs
47 – 57 lbs.	2 tsp/10 ml	2 tabs
58 – 69 lbs.	12.5 ml	2 ½ tabs
70 – 80 lbs.	3 tsp/15 ml	3 tabs
81 – 93 lbs.	17.5 ml	3 ½ tabs
94 lbs. and above	4 tsp/20 ml	4 tabs

IBUPROFEN (Motrin®, Advil®) given every 6 – 8 hours

Weight	Infant Drops 50mg/1.25ml	Children Suspension 100mg/5ml	Chewable Tablets 100mg/Tablet
9 – 10 lbs.	1 ml	2 ml	
11 – 16 lbs.	1.25 ml	½ tsp/2.5 ml	
17 – 21 lbs.	1.875 ml	¾ tsp/3.75 ml	
22 – 27 lbs.	2.5 ml	1 tsp/5 ml	
28 – 32 lbs.	3 ml	6.25 ml	1 tab
33 – 43 lbs.	3.75 ml	1 ½ tsp/7.5 ml	1 ½ tabs
44 – 54 lbs.		2 tsp/10 ml	2 tabs
55 – 65 lbs.		12.5 ml	2 ½ tabs
66 – 76 lbs.		3 tsp/15 ml	3 tabs
77 – 87 lbs.		3 ½ tsp/17.5 ml	3 ½ tabs
88 – 98 lbs.		4 tsp/20 ml	4 tabs or 2 adult tabs
99 lbs. and above		4 ½ tsp/22.5 ml	4 tabs or 2 adult tabs