

# 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 when they last longer than 4 days, or do not respond to fever-reducing medications, unless your child is less than 3 months of age.

## 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° axillary (under arm) or 100.5° rectal. These numbers are the actual reading off of the thermometer, do not adjust the temperature. When calling our office please give us the actual readings only.
- Any infant younger than three 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.
- A fever less than 102°, use acetaminophen (i.e. tylenol®, tempra®, fever-all®)
- If your child's fever is greater than 102.5° we recommend the use of ibuprofen (i.e. Motrin®, Advil®, Pediacare fever®).
- 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	80MG/0.8 ML	160MG/5ML	CHEWABLES 80MG/ TABLET	JUNIORS 160MG/CAPLET
10 - 14 LBS.	$\frac{3}{4}$ dropper(0.6ml)	2 ml		
15 - 19 LBS.	1 dropper(0.8ml)	5/8 tsp (3ml)		
20 - 24 LBS.	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ dropper(1.2ml)	4ml		
25 - 28 LBS.	2 dropper(1.6ml)	1tsp/5 ml	2 tabs.	
29 - 32 LBS.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ dropper(2.0ml)	6 ml	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ tabs.	
33 - 37 LBS.		7 ml	3 tabs.	
38 - 41 LBS.		8 ml	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ tabs.	
42 - 46 LBS.		9 ml	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ tabs.	
47 - 57 LBS.		2tsp/10 ml	4 tabs.	2 caps.
58 - 69 LBS.		12.5ml	5 tabs.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ caps.
70 - 80 LBS.		3tsp/15ml	6 tabs.	3 caps.
81 - 93 LBS.		3 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp/17.5ml	7 tabs.	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ caps.
94 and above LBS.		4tsp/20 ml	8 tabs.	4 caps. or 2 adult tabs

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

WEIGHT	INFANT DROPS *50 MG/ 1.25 ML	CHILDREN SUSPENSION 100MG / 5 ML	CHEWABLE TABLETS **100MG/TABLET
9 - 10 LBS.	1ml	2ml	
11- 16 LBS.	1.25ml	$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp/2.5ml	
17 - 21 LBS.	1.875ml	$\frac{3}{4}$ tsp/3.75ml	
22 - 27 LBS.	2.5ml	1tsp/5ml	
28 - 32 LBS.	3ml	6.25ml.	1 tab
33 - 43 LBS.	3.75ml	$1\frac{1}{2}$ tsp/7.5ml	$1\frac{1}{2}$ tab
44 - 54 LBS.		2tsp/10ml	2 tab
55 - 65 LBS.		12.5ml	$2\frac{1}{2}$ tabs.
66 - 76 LBS.		3tsp/15ml	3 tabs.
77 - 87 LBS.		$3\frac{1}{2}$ tsp/17.5ml	$3\frac{1}{2}$ tabs.
88 - 98 LBS.		4tsp/20ml	4 tabs./2 adult tabs
99 and above LBS.		$4\frac{1}{2}$ tsp/22.5ml	4 tabs./2 adult tabs

\*Please note this dosage is for 50 mg / 1.25 ml. Advil is the same concentration of medication, however the dropper is for 2.5ml, so divide the listed dose in half if using Advil 100mg/2.5ml.

\*\*Please note this dosage is for 100mg chewable tablets, if you are using the 50mg chewable tablets double the number of tablets listed.