

# Acetaminophen dosage chart

## Recommended Dosages

**Important Note:** Infant concentrated drops are being phased out but are safe to use if the dose is correct. They're three times as concentrated as the new infant liquid, so use caution: Know your baby's weight and follow the dosage chart. Find out how to tell the difference between the old and new medicine at [www.babycenter.com/acetaminophen](http://www.babycenter.com/acetaminophen).

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| <p><b>Your child's weight:</b> 6 to 11 lbs<br/> <b>Dose:</b> 40 mg<br/> <b>Old infant drops:</b> ½ dropper (0.4 ml)<br/> <b>New Infant liquid:</b> 1.25 ml in syringe</p>   | <p><b>Your child's weight:</b> 12 to 17 lbs<br/> <b>Dose:</b> 80 mg<br/> <b>Old infant drops:</b> 1 dropper (0.8 ml)<br/> <b>New infant liquid:</b> 2.5 ml in syringe<br/> <b>Children's liquid:</b> ½ tsp (2.5 ml in cup)</p>   | <p><b>Your child's weight:</b> 18 to 23 lbs<br/> <b>Dose:</b> 120 mg<br/> <b>Old infant drops:</b> 1½ droppers (1.2 ml)<br/> <b>New infant liquid:</b> 3.75 ml in syringe<br/> <b>Children's liquid:</b> ¾ tsp (3.75 ml in cup)<br/> <b>Children's chews or meltaways:</b> 1 ½</p> |
| <p><b>Your child's weight:</b> 24 to 35 lbs<br/> <b>Dose:</b> 160 mg<br/> <b>Old infant drops:</b> 2 droppers (1.6 ml)<br/> <b>New infant liquid:</b> 5 ml in syringe<br/> <b>Children's liquid:</b> 1 tsp (5 ml in cup)<br/> <b>Children's chews or meltaways:</b> 2<br/> <b>Junior-strength chews or meltaways:</b> 1</p> | <p><b>Your child's weight:</b> 36 to 47 lbs<br/> <b>Dose:</b> 240 mg<br/> <b>Children's liquid:</b> 1 ½ tsp (7.5 ml in cup)<br/> <b>Children's chews or meltaways:</b> 3<br/> <b>Junior-strength chews or meltaways:</b> 1 ½</p>   | <p><b>Your child's weight:</b> 48 to 59 lbs<br/> <b>Dose:</b> 320 mg<br/> <b>Children's liquid:</b> 2 tsp (10 ml in cup)<br/> <b>Children's chews or meltaways:</b> 4<br/> <b>Junior-strength chews or meltaways:</b> 2</p>  |
| <p><b>Your child's weight:</b> 60 to 71 lbs<br/> <b>Dose:</b> 400 mg<br/> <b>Children's liquid:</b> 2 ½ tsp (12.5 ml in cup)<br/> <b>Children's chews or meltaways:</b> 5<br/> <b>Junior-strength chews or meltaways:</b> 2 1/2<br/> <b>Adult regular-strength tabs (325 mg):</b> 1</p>                                     | <p><b>Your child's weight:</b> 72 to 95 lbs<br/> <b>Dose:</b> 480 mg<br/> <b>Children's liquid:</b> 3 tsp (15 ml in cup)<br/> <b>Children's chews or meltaways:</b> 6<br/> <b>Junior-strength chews or meltaways:</b> 3<br/> <b>Adult regular-strength tabs (325 mg):</b> 1 to 1 ½</p> | <p><b>Your child's weight:</b> 96+ lbs<br/> <b>Dose:</b> 640 mg<br/> <b>Children's liquid:</b> 4 tsp (20 ml in cup)<br/> <b>Children's chews or meltaways:</b> 8<br/> <b>Junior-strength chews or meltaways:</b> 4<br/> <b>Adult regular-strength tabs (325 mg):</b> 2</p>         |

## Active Ingredients

**Old infant drops:** 80 mg/0.8 ml per dropper (shake well before using)  
**New infant liquid:** 160 mg/5 ml per included syringe (shake well before using)  
**Children's liquid:** 160 mg/5 ml per teaspoon (shake well before using)  
**Children's chews or meltaways:** 80 mg each  
**Junior-strength chews or meltaways:** 160 mg each  
**Adult regular-strength tablets:** 325 mg each

## Six Safety Tips for Acetaminophen

1. Don't give to a baby under 3 months without a doctor's approval.
2. Don't confuse infant drops with the new infant liquid. Infant drops are three times more concentrated. Learn more at [www.babycenter.com/acetaminophen](http://www.babycenter.com/acetaminophen).
3. Always use the measuring device that comes with the medicine.
4. The proper dosage is based on weight, not age. To determine the weight of a very young child, weigh yourself and then weigh yourself while holding your child. Then subtract your weight from the combined weight.
5. Never give acetaminophen to a child who's taking other medicines unless directed by a doctor. Other medicines may also contain acetaminophen, creating a dangerous overdose.
6. Don't exceed five doses in 24 hours.