

# 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	INFANT DROPS 80MG/0.8 ML	CHILDRENS ELIXIR 160MG/5ML	CHEWABLES 80MG/ TABLET	JUNIORS 160MG/CAPLET
10 LBS.	$\frac{3}{4}$ dropper(0.6ml)	2 cc		
15 LBS.	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ dropper(1.0ml)	5/8 tsp (3cc)		
20 LBS.	1 $\frac{1}{2}$ dropper(1.2ml)	$\frac{3}{4}$ tsp.		
25 LBS.	2 dropper(1.6ml)	1 tsp.	2 tabs.	
30 LBS.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ dropper(2.0ml)	1 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ tabs.	
35 LBS.	3 dropper(2.4ml)	1 5/8 tsp.	3 tabs.	
40 LBS.	3 $\frac{1}{4}$ dropper(2.6ml)	1 $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp.	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ tabs.	
45 LBS.	3 $\frac{3}{4}$ dropper(3.0ml)	1 7/8 tsp.	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ tabs.	
50 LBS.	4 $\frac{1}{4}$ dropper(3.4ml)	2 tsp.	4 tabs.	2 caps.
55 LBS.		2 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp.	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ tabs.	2 caps.
60 LBS.		2 $\frac{1}{2}$ tsp.	5 tabs.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ caps.
65 LBS.		2 $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp.	5 $\frac{1}{2}$ tabs.	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ caps.
70 LBS.		3 tsp.	6 tabs.	3 caps.
80 LBS.		3 $\frac{1}{4}$ tsp.	6 $\frac{1}{2}$ tabs.	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ caps.
90 LBS.		3 $\frac{3}{4}$ tsp.	7 $\frac{1}{2}$ tabs.	3 $\frac{1}{2}$ caps.
100 LBS. +		4 tsp.	8 tabs.	4 caps.

## IBUPROFEN (Motrin<sup>®</sup>, Advil<sup>®</sup>) given every 6 - 8 hours

WEIGHT	INFANT DROPS *50 MG/ 1.25 ML	CHILDREN SUSPENSION 100MG / 5 ML	CHEWABLE TABLETS **100MG/TABLET
10 LBS.	(1ml)		
15 LBS.	1.25ml	$\frac{1}{2}$ tsp.	
20 LBS.	1.875ml	$\frac{3}{4}$ tsp.	
25 LBS.	2.5ml	1 tsp.	
30 LBS.	3ml	$1\frac{1}{4}$ tsp.	1 tab
35 LBS.	3.75ml	$1\frac{1}{2}$ tsp.	$1\frac{1}{2}$ tab
40 LBS.		$1\frac{3}{4}$ tsp.	$1\frac{1}{2}$ tab
45 LBS.		2 tsp.	2 tabs.
50 LBS.		$2\frac{1}{4}$ tsp.	2 tabs.
55 LBS.		$2\frac{1}{2}$ tsp.	$2\frac{1}{2}$ tabs.
60 LBS.		$2\frac{3}{4}$ tsp.	$2\frac{1}{2}$ tabs.
65 LBS.		3 tsp.	3 tabs.
70 LBS.		$3\frac{1}{4}$ tsp.	3 tabs.
80 LBS.		$3\frac{1}{2}$ tsp.	$3\frac{1}{2}$ tabs.
90 LBS.		4 tsp.	4 tabs.
100 LBS.		$4\frac{1}{2}$ tsp.	$4\frac{1}{2}$ 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.