

Oral Acetaminophen Dosing: Tablet Options

Dosing Notes:

- IWK acetaminophen pediatric dosing guidelines for general use:
 - By mouth: 10 to 15 mg/kg/dose every 4 to 6 hours as needed
- Maximum daily doses: 75 mg/kg/day or 4 grams/day (whichever is less) FROM ALL SOURCES
- Use round tablets NOT caplets

Options within dosing range using available tablet strengths:

Using REGULAR strength tablet (1 tablet = 325 mg)

Child's Weight	Dose	Amount of 325 mg tablet
5.5 – 8.3 kg 12.1 – 18.3 lb	81.25 mg	= ¼ tablet
10.9 – 16.2 kg 24 – 35.6 lb	162.5 mg	= ½ tablet
16.2 – 21.7 kg 35.6 – 47.7 lb	243.75 mg	= ¾ tablet
21.7 – 32.5 kg 47.7 – 71.5 lb	325 mg	= 1 tablet
32.5 – 40 kg 71.5 – 88 lb	487.5 mg	= 1½ tablets
43.3 kg and above 95 lb and above	650 mg	+ = 2 tablets

Using EXTRA strength tablet (1 tablet = 500 mg)

Child's Weight	Dose	Amount of 500 mg tablet
8.4 kg – 12.5 kg 18.4 – 27.5 lb	125 mg	= ¼ tablet
16.7 – 25 kg 36.7 – 55 lb	250 mg	= ½ tablet
25 – 37.5 kg 55 – 82.5 lb	375 mg	= ¾ tablet
33.3 and above 73.3 lb and above	500 mg	= 1 tablet

Administration Tips:



- Use a pill splitting device (available at community pharmacies)
- Crush and mix dose with small amount of water, juice, syrup, jam, or appropriate pureed food.

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