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## SAFETY & PREVENTION

# Ibuprofen (for Fever and Pain) Dosage Table

Child's Weight (pounds)	12-17	18-23	24-35	36-47	48-59	60-71	72-95	96+	lbs
Infant Drops 50 mg/1.25 mL	1.25	1.875	2.5	3.75	5	--	--	--	ml
Liquid 100 mg/1 teaspoon (tsp)	1/2	3/4	1	1 1/2	2	2 1/2	3	4	tsp
Liquid 100 mg/5 milliliters (ml)	2.5	4	5	7.5	10	12.5	15	20	ml
Chewable 50 mg Tablets	--	--	2	3	4	5	6	8	tabs
Junior-strength 100 mg tablets	--	--	--	--	2	2 1/2	3	4	tabs
Adult 200 mg Tablets	--	--	--	--	1	1	1 1/2	2	tabs

**Indications:** Treatment of fever (/English/health-issues/conditions/fever/Pages/default.aspx) and pain.

## Table Notes:

- **AGE LIMIT:** Don't use under 6 months of age unless directed by child's doctor. (Reason: safety not established and doesn't have FDA approval). Avoid multi-ingredient products in children under 6 years of age (FDA recommendations 1/2008).
- **DOSAGE:** Determine by finding child's weight in the top row of the dosage table.
- **MEASURING the DOSAGE:** Syringes and droppers are more accurate than teaspoons. If possible, use the syringe or dropper that comes with the medication. If you use a teaspoon, it should be a measuring spoon. Regular spoons are not reliable. Also, remember that 1 level teaspoon equals 5 ml and that 1/2 teaspoon equals 2.5 ml.
- **IBUPROFEN DROPS:** Ibuprofen infant drops come with a measuring syringe
- **BRAND NAMES:** Motrin, Advil, generic ibuprofen
- **ADULT DOSAGE:** 400 mg
- **FREQUENCY:** Repeat every 6-8 hours as needed

To find a pediatrician, click here (/English/tips-tools/find-pediatrician/Pages/Pediatrician-Referral-Service.aspx).

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