

Subject: Ibuprofen (Motrin/Advil) Dosing

We recommend the following weight-based guidelines when dosing ibuprofen:

Child's Weight	50 mg/1.25 ml Infant Drops	100 mg/5 ml Liquid	50 mg chewable	200 mg tablet/capsule
6-11 lbs.	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Not Recommended	Not Recommended
12-17 lbs.	1.25 ml	2.5 ml	Not Recommended	Not Recommended
18-23 lbs.	1.875 ml	3.75 ml	Not Recommended	Not Recommended
24-35 lbs.	2.5 ml	5 ml	2 tablets	Not Recommended
36-47 lbs.	Not Recommended	7.5 ml	3 tablets	Not Recommended
48-59 lbs.	Not Recommended	10 ml	4 tablets	1 tablet
60-71 lbs.	Not Recommended	12.5 ml	5 tablets	1 tablet
72-95 lbs.	Not Recommended	15 ml	6 tablets	Not Recommended
95+ lbs.	Not Recommended	20 ml	8 tablets	2 tablets

Children over 95 lbs. may comfortably follow adult dosing recommendations.

Ibuprofen is dosed every 6-8 hours as needed for fever or pain.

Fevers in infants less than 3 months old can represent more serious illness. Unless your child received vaccines in the past 24 hours, you should consult the office before administering acetaminophen to infants under 3 months.