

Ibuprofen for children

The proper dosage of ibuprofen (the active ingredient in Advil® and Motrin®) is based on the weight of your child, not age. To weigh a child too young to stand on a scale, weigh yourself while holding the child, then weigh yourself alone. Subtract your weight from the combined weight to get his current weight. For example, together you weigh 140. Your weight is 130. Your child weighs 10 lbs. [140 – 130 = 10]

Weight	Drops	Elixir	Chewable Tabs
12 – 17 lbs.	1 dropper	–	–
18 – 23 lbs.	1½ droppers	–	–
24 – 35 lbs.	2 droppers	1 tsp.	–
36 – 47 lbs.	–	1½ tsp.	3 tabs

SAFETY TIPS FOR IBUPROFEN

- Dosages may be repeated every 6 to 8 hours. Do not give more than 4 times in 24 hours.
- Always use the measuring device that comes with the medicine – not a spoon from the kitchen.
- Never give ibuprofen to a child who is taking other medicines unless directed by a doctor. The other medicine may also contain ibuprofen, creating a dangerous overdose. If you have any doubts, call your doctor.
- **We do not recommend using aspirin to treat a simple fever.**

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