

Infants' Acetaminophen Concentration Change

Companies are changing the concentration of their medications for infants, and there are new dosing directions for these products.



Professional Dosing Information

What you should know:

- There may be a time when both the old and new concentrations of infants' acetaminophen products are in stores and also in patients' homes
- For children under 2 years of age, no dose is provided on the OTC label — caregivers are instructed to call their doctor for dosing instructions

What you can do:

- 1 Clarify the concentration of infants' acetaminophen product a parent/caregiver is using
- 2 Identify the product concentration and dose for your patient's weight/age from the appropriate chart below
- 3 Discuss the infants' acetaminophen concentration change during sick and well visits

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Concentrated Drops — "Old" Concentration

80 mg/0.8 mL

Weight (lb)	Age (mos)	Dose (mL)
6-11 lbs	0-3 mos	0.4 mL
12-17 lbs	4-11 mos	0.8 mL
18-23 lbs	12-23 mos	1.2 mL
24-35 lbs	24-36 mos	1.6 mL

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Oral Suspension — "New" Concentration

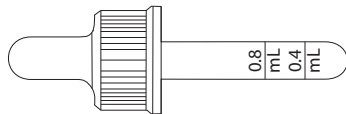
160 mg/5 mL

Weight (lb)	Age (mos)	Dose (mL)
6-11 lbs	0-3 mos	1.25 mL
12-17 lbs	4-11 mos	2.5 mL
18-23 lbs	12-23 mos	3.75 mL
24-35 lbs	24-36 mos	5 mL

Dosing schedule continues to provide approximately 10-15 mg/kg for children in the 10th-90th decile for weight.¹

Infants' Acetaminophen Concentrated Drops

The enclosed dropper is designed to provide 0.4 mL (40 mg) increments

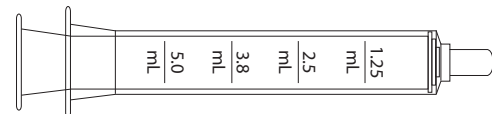


Remind parents and caregivers:

- Infants' Acetaminophen Concentrated Drops are 3x more concentrated than Acetaminophen Oral Suspension
- Always read and follow the label

Infants' Acetaminophen Oral Suspension

The enclosed syringe is designed to provide 1.25 mL (40 mg) increments



- Keep medicines out of the reach of children
- Never give adult medicines to children
- Use only the dosing device that comes with the product

1. Temple AR. Pediatric dosing of acetaminophen. *Pediatr Pharmacol.* (New York)1983;3(3-4):321-327.