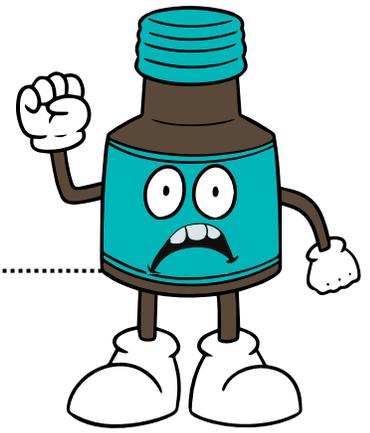


Tylenol and Advil Liquid Shortage

What can you do?



During the Acetaminophen (Tylenol) and Ibuprofen (Advil) liquid shortage, there are a few options for treating your child's fever at home.

1. Health Canada approved, foreign labelled products may be available at your pharmacy, BUT the concentration is different. Tylenol liquid comes in 80 mg/mL and 32 mg/mL in Canada, but the foreign supply is 24 mg/mL. Please check the dosing and volume calculations with your pharmacist.
2. Some community pharmacies are compounding liquids (no prescription required for Tylenol or Advil liquid).
3. Use partial tablets:
 - a. Check the appropriate dose to be used with a health care professional with the aid of the chart below.
 - b. These can be crushed and mixed in a small amount of food such as jam, chocolate spread, pudding, or apple sauce. Ensure your child eats all the food to get the full dose.
 - c. Other tips to help medicines taste better:
 - i. Give a frozen treat before giving the medicine; the cold will numb the taste buds so the medicine does not taste as bad.
 - ii. Give strong tasting foods your child likes (e.g. jam, syrup, chocolate) after they take the medicine.

Acetaminophen (Tylenol) Usual dose 10-15 mg/kg/dose		
Weight range (kg)	Dose (mg)	Partial tablet
8 to 13	125	1/4 of 500 mg
10 to 18	162.5	1/2 of 325 mg
16 to 26	250	1/2 of 500 mg
21 to 35	325	
25 to 40	375	3/4 of 500 mg
33 to 50	500	

Ibuprofen (Advil) Usual dose 5-10 mg/kg/dose		
Weight range (kg)	Dose (mg)	Partial tablet
10 to 20	100	1/2 of 200 mg
20 to 40	200	
30 +	300	1 & 1/2 of 200 mg
40 +	400	

*For infants under 3 months of age with a new fever, please go to the hospital.



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