

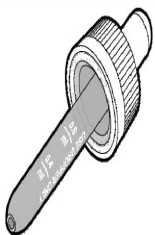
Acetaminophen and Your Child

ACETAMINOPHEN is a common drug that is found in many over-the-counter (OTC) fever reducers, pain relievers, and cold remedies.

Large amounts of acetaminophen can cause liver failure, kidney damage, and ultimately death. It is critically important to properly dose acetaminophen.

Here are some tips to remember when using acetaminophen:

- **Know the weight** of your child. Medicines are often dosed by the weight or age. Remember that the dose changes as your child grows.
- **Read the instructions carefully.** This is important so you know how much medicine to give and how often.
- **Follow the directions.** Give the full amount of medicine that is indicated for your child based on his/her weight and age. Never give more than the recommended dose – this will NOT provide faster relief.



- **NEVER** mix infant drops with children's liquid.
- **NEVER** use adult-strength medicines for children under the age of 12.
- **Always use** the measuring device that is included with the medicine. Never use droppers, spoons, or cups that come with other medicines, and never use kitchen teaspoons or tablespoons. These may not be accurate and some medicines may be more concentrated than others.
- After giving a child a dose of medicine, **write down** the time and the amount given to avoid an accidental overdose.

In case of an accidental overdose, call the Carolinas Poison Center at **1-800-222-1222** immediately.