

Think medicine safety when

Taking an Rx that contains acetaminophen

1 What to know

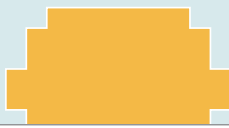
Acetaminophen is an active ingredient in **more than 500** prescription (Rx) and over-the-counter (OTC) medicines. When taken as directed, acetaminophen is safe and effective. But if you take too much—more than 4,000 mg in 24 hours—that **could harm your liver**.

2 What you can do

Check the ingredients in your medicines. **Take ONLY 1** medicine that contains acetaminophen at a time.

Prescription (Rx)

Look for the word **“Acetaminophen,”** sometimes shortened to **“APAP”**



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TAKE ONE (1) TABLET BY MOUTH EVERY 6 HOURS AS NEEDED FOR PAIN.

OXYCODONE/ACETAMINOPHEN 5mg/325mg

May cause drowsiness and dizziness. Do not drink alcoholic beverages when taking this medicine. Use care when operating a vehicle or machinery.

Contains acetaminophen. Do not take more than recommended. Too much may cause liver damage.



Do not take other medicines that have acetaminophen (prescription or nonprescription).

Discuss any questions with your doctor.

Caution: Federal law prohibits the transfer of this drug to any other person than for whom it was prescribed.

Over-the-counter (OTC)

Look for the word **“Acetaminophen”** where it says **“Active ingredient”**



Active ingredient (in each caplet) **Purpose**

Acetaminophen 500mg.....Pain reliever/fever reducer

Uses ■ temporarily relieves minor aches and pains due to:
■ the common cold ■ headache ■ backache
■ minor pain of arthritis ■ toothache ■ muscular aches
■ premenstrual and menstrual cramps
■ temporarily reduces fever

Warnings
Liver warning: This product contains acetaminophen. Severe liver

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taking the blood thinning drug warfarin. Stop use and ask a doctor if pain gets worse or lasts more than 10 days ■ fever gets worse or lasts more than 3 days ■ new symptoms occur ■ redness or swelling is present. These could be signs of a serious condition. If pregnant or breast-feeding, ask a health professional before use. Keep out of reach of children. Overdose warning: Taking more than the recommended dose (overdose) may cause liver damage. In case of overdose, get medical help or contact a Poison Control Center.

Prescription (Rx) common examples

- Vicodin®, Norco®, Lortab® (Hydrocodone)
- Percocet®, Endocet®, Roxicet® (Oxycodone)
- Tylenol® with Codeine (Codeine)
- Fioricet® (Butalbital)
- Ultracet® (Tramadol)

Over-the-counter (OTC) common examples

- Tylenol®
- NyQuil®/DayQuil®
- Excedrin®
- Alka-Seltzer Plus®
- Mucinex®
- Robitussin®
- Goody's®
- Comtrex®
- Sudafed®
- Theraflu®

This is not a complete list of prescription and OTC brands with products that contain acetaminophen. Check your medicine labels. If you are unsure, ask your healthcare professional.



Write down all of the **Rx** and **OTC** medicines, **vitamins**, and **herbal supplements** you take. Bring the list and your bottles to your next visit.



If you have **any questions** about choosing or using OTC or prescription pain relievers, **talk with your healthcare professional**.

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