

# Pediatric Acetaminophen Solid Dose (Chewable) Strength Change

Many pediatric acetaminophen solid dose manufacturers and retailers are transitioning to a single strength of 160 mg, and there are new dosing directions for these products for some age groups.

## What you should know:

- Currently the marketplace includes pediatric acetaminophen chewable products available in both 80 mg and 160 mg strengths. These are commonly referred to as “Children’s” and “Jr” respectively.
- Many manufacturers and retailers will be transitioning to a single strength of 160 mg strength to be named “Children’s”.
- During this time of transition, there will still be some solid dose chewable products labeled as “Children’s” available in the marketplace and in medicine cabinets at the 80 mg strength as well as product labeled as “Junior” at the 160 mg strength.

## What you can do:

1. Proactively discuss this with parents and caregivers.
2. Always verify the acetaminophen product strength (160 mg or 80 mg) a parent or caregiver is using before providing dosing direction.
3. Identify the product strength and dose for your patient’s weight/age from the appropriate chart below.

## Pediatric Acetaminophen Solid Dose (Chewable) Dosing Chart

		Pediatric (80 mg) Dosage Units		Pediatric (160 mg) Dosage Units	
Age (years)	Weight (pounds)	Number of Dosage Units (80 mg chewable tablets)	Total Dosage (mg)	Number of Dosage Units (160 mg chewable tablets)	Total Dosage (mg)
<2 years	<24 pounds	No recommended dosage except under the direction of a healthcare professional		No recommended dosage except under the direction of a healthcare professional	
2-3 years	24-35 pounds	2 	160	1 	160
4-5 years	36-47 pounds	3 	240	1 ½ 	240
6-8 years	48-59 pounds	4 	320	2 	320
9-10 years	60-71 pounds	5 	400	2 ½ 	400
11 years	72-95 pounds	6 	480	3 	480



**REMINDE PARENTS AND CAREGIVERS:** Always read and follow the labeled dosing directions of the specific medicine they are using and keep the medicine in its original container. Keep medicines out of the reach of children.