

# LOOKING FOR TYLENOL®, ADVIL® OR MOTRIN®?

The current supply of acetaminophen and ibuprofen cannot keep up with the demand. Companies are making these products as quickly as they can, but it is hard to keep up.

It can be stressful when children are unwell and products like pain and fever medicines are not available. **To help keep acetaminophen or ibuprofen available for everyone, please only buy what you need.**

The product you usually buy may not be available. Here are some options:

**A PHARMACIST CAN HELP YOU FIND SAFE OPTIONS.**

There may be different medicine or non-medicine solutions to manage your child's symptoms.

Acetaminophen (Tylenol®, Tempra®, generics) and ibuprofen (Advil®, Motrin®, generics) are medicines that work on pain and fever. **Consider using ibuprofen if acetaminophen isn't available.** Do not give acetylsalicylic acid (Aspirin®, ASA) to children.

A different product might be a good substitute. Consider a different brand or using a tablet or suppository instead of a liquid. You might be able to use an adult strength and split or crush the tablets.



**CHECK THE DOSE.** The amount of medicine you give (e.g., 5 mls or 1 tablet) is figured out using your child's weight and the strength of the product you are giving. **Always read the label** on the medicine you are giving.

**TALK TO A PHARMACIST ABOUT WHAT STRATEGIES AND SOLUTIONS WOULD WORK BEST FOR YOU.**

**IF YOU ARE UNSURE, ALWAYS CHECK WITH A PHARMACIST.**

**HAVE YOU HEARD ABOUT COMPOUNDING?**

Compounding is when pharmacists make a medicine when a commercially made product is not available.

Compounded children's pain and fever medicine may not be available at all pharmacies. Check with the pharmacist to see if compounding is an option for you.

Compounded products are different than the products you are used to buying and:

- may expire more quickly and may need to be stored in the fridge.
- may be a different strength than the product you usually buy.



**QUESTIONS FOR A PHARMACIST?**

  
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