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Tonsillectomy Post-Operative Pain Medication Dosing Guide

Child's weight	Trade name	Tylenol®	Motrin/Advil®	Prelone®/Orapred®	Hycet®/Lortab®	Benadryl®
	Generic	Acetaminophen*	Ibuprofen	Prednisolone	Hydrocodone/ Acetaminophen*†	Diphenhydramine
		(160mg/5ml) __ ml by mouth Every 4-6 hrs As needed for pain Max: 5 doses in 24 hrs	(100mg/5ml) __ ml by mouth Every 6-8 hrs As needed for pain Max: 4 doses in 24 hrs	(15mg/5ml) __ ml by mouth Every 12 hrs On days 1,3,5 After surgery	(7.5/325/5ml) __ ml by mouth Every 4-6 hrs As needed for pain Max: 6 doses in 24 hrs	(12.5mg/5ml) __ ml by mouth Every 4-6 hrs As needed
<22 lbs. (10kg)					None	
22 lbs. (10kg)		4.5ml (150mg)	5ml (100mg)	1.5ml	1.2ml	<u>2-6 yrs old:</u>
33 lbs. (15kg)		7ml (225mg)	7.5ml (150mg)	2.5ml	3ml	2.5ml (6.25mg)
44 lbs. (20kg)		9ml (300mg)	10ml (200mg)	3.5ml	4ml	Max: 6 doses in 24 hrs
55 lbs. (25kg)		11.5ml (375mg)	12.5ml (250mg)	4.0ml	5ml	<u>6-12 yrs old:</u>
66 lbs. (30kg)		14ml (450mg)	15ml (300mg)	5.0ml	6ml	5-10ml
77 lbs. (35kg)		16ml (525mg)	17.5ml (350mg)	6.0ml	7.5ml	(12.5-25mg)
88 lbs. (40kg)		18.5ml (600mg)	20ml (400mg)	6.5ml	7.5ml	Max: 60ml (150 mg) in 24 hrs
99 lbs. (45kg)		21ml (675mg)	22.5ml (450mg)	7.5ml	7.5ml	
110 lbs. (50+kg)		23ml (750mg)	25ml (500mg)	8.5ml	10ml	<u>>12 yrs old:</u> 10-20ml (25-50mg) Max: 120ml (300 mg) in 24 hrs

- Do not give any medication without the specific direction of your doctor.
- The choice of medication will depend on the severity of your child's discomfort. It will be important to grade his/her pain as mild, moderate, or severe.
- Important: Do not give Acetaminophen and Lortab simultaneously. Lortab contains acetaminophen and combining the two may lead to toxic medication levels.
- Important: There is no substitute for Hydrocodone (Lortab or Hycet). Codeine containing medications should Not be given to children following Tonsillectomy or Adenoidectomy.
- Tylenol (Acetaminophen) is available as a suppository (OTC) and may be recommended if your child is having difficulty swallowing.
- Liquid/syrup medications may be mixed with a clear "tasty" liquid to make it easier to swallow.
- Benadryl dosing is provided and should be given only if recommended by your child's surgeon.

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