CLARKSTOWN pediatrics



WHY WOULD I give CHILDREN'S "TYLENOL" to MY Daby?

It makes no sense when you first hear it, but actually it is a very smart move. When we say "*tylenol*", we mean any brand of *acetaminophen*, "*tylenol*" is the most well known.

Over-the-counter, single-ingredient liquid pediatric *acetaminophen* will no longer be available in infant drops. It is safer to have only one strength of children's *acetaminophen* available.

Why? Because it is confusing to have two different strength liquids available for infants and toddlers. Misunderstandings could cause parents to make an error or accidently overdose their child!

In the past, families were able to buy either 80mg/dropper infant drops or 160mg per teaspoon (5ml) of children's acetaminophen. The change is voluntary for pharmacies, but most have complied. Your pharmacy should have removed *Concentrated Infant Drops* from store shelves.

Now the only strength of liquid acetaminophen is 160 mg per teaspoon (5ml). The action follows a recent FDA recommendation announcing new guidelines for dosage delivery devices, because of problems with overdoses of some analgesic medications. Infants' products will have syringes for more accurate dosing and flow restrictors. Dosing cups will continue to be offered for products for older kids.

We never recommend combination acetaminophen products as they also increase the risk of dosing errors. Use any brand or generic which has only one liquid ingredient: *acetaminophen* **160mg/5ml**!



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