

Loratadine (Claritin)

Products labeled “D” or “plus decongestant” are not recommended for children under the age of 6, as they contain additional medications. In addition, chewables and tablets may come in different doses.

Read packages carefully to determine the specific dose in each chewable or tablet. Always use the measuring device packaged with the liquid medication; do not substitute another measuring device.

Children’s liquid: 5 mg/5 mL = 5 mg/1 tsp
 Children’s chewables or RediTabs: 5 mg **OR** 10 mg each
 Adult tablets, capsules, or RediTabs: 5 mg **OR** 10 mg each

Indication: Give for hives or allergy symptoms.
Not recommended for relief of cold symptoms. Not recommended under the age of 2 years.

Timing: You may give a dose of loratadine (Claritin) once daily.

Age	Liquid	5 mg Chew/Tabs	10 mg Chew/Tabs
2 – 5 years	1 tsp	1 chewable daily	
6 + years	2 tsp	2 chewables	1 chewable

Ibuprofen (Motrin, Advil)

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Concentrated infants’ drops: 50 mg/1.25 mL
 Children’s liquid: 100 mg/5 mL = 100 mg/1 tsp
 Junior strength chewables: 100 mg each
 Junior strength caplets: 100 mg each
 Adult tablets or caplets: 200 mg each

Indication: Give for fever or pain.
Not recommended for relief of cold symptoms. Not recommended for children under the age of 6 months.

Timing: You may give a dose of ibuprofen (Motrin, Advil) every 6-8 hours.
 Maximum number of doses in a 24 hour period: 4

Weight	Drops	Liquid	Chewable/caplet	Adult Tablets
12-17 lbs	1.25 mL	½ tsp = 2.5 mL		
18-23 lbs	1.875 mL	¾ tsp = 3.75 mL		
24-35 lbs	2.5 mL (1.25 x 2)	1 tsp = 5 mL	1 chew/cap	
36-47 lbs	3.75 mL (1.875 x 2)	1 ½ tsp = 7.5 mL	1 ½ chews/caps	
48-59 lbs		2 tsp = 10 mL	2 chews/caps	1 adult tablet
60-71 lbs		2 ½ tsp = 12.5 mL	2 ½ chews/caps	
72-95 lbs		3 tsp = 15 mL	3 chews/caps	
>95 lbs		4 tsp = 20 mL	4 chews/caps	2 adult tablets

Acetaminophen (Tylenol)

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If the concentration of the product that you have on hand is not listed below, (i.e. Little Fevers) please contact the office for assistance with dosing.

Concentrated infants’ drops:	No longer manufactured	
Children’s liquid:	160 mg/5 mL = 160 mg/1 tsp	
Children’s Meltaway/chewables (age 2-5):	80 mg each	
Junior Meltaway/chewables (age 6-11):	160 mg each	Adult regular
strength tablets/caplets/capsules:	325 mg each	
Adult extra strength tablets/caplets/capsules:	500 mg each	

Indication: Give for fever or pain. *Not recommended* for relief of cold symptoms. *Not recommended* under the age of 3 months without a doctor’s supervision.

Timing: You may give a dose of acetaminophen (Tylenol) every 4-6 hours.
Maximum number of doses in a 24 hour period: 5

Weight/Age	Liquid	80 mg chews	160 mg chews	325 mg tabs
Under 3 mths	Please contact our office for dosing – 978.535.1110			
10-11 lbs	¼ tsp = 1.25mL			
12-17 lbs	½ tsp = 2.5 mL			
18-23 lbs	¾ tsp = 3.75 mL			
24-35 lbs	1 tsp = 5 mL	2 chews	1 chew	
36-47 lbs	1½ tsp = 7.5 mL	3 chews	1 ½ chews	
48-59 lbs	2 tsp = 10 mL	4 chews	2 chews	1 tablet
60-71 lbs	2½ tsp = 12.5 mL	5 chews	2 ½ chews	
72-95 lbs	3 tsp = 15 mL	6 chews	3 chews	
> 95 lbs	4 tsp = 20 mL	8 chews	4 chews	2 tablets

Diphenhydramine (Benadryl)

Products labeled “allergy plus cold” or “allergy plus sinus” are not recommended for children under the age of 6, as they contain additional medications. Always use the measuring device packaged with the liquid medication; do not substitute another measuring device.

Children’s liquid: 12.5 mg/5 mL = 12.5 mg/1 tsp
 Children’s chewables or FastMelt tablets: 12.5 mg each Adult tablets
 or capsules or Quick Dissolve Strips: 25 mg each

Indication: Give for hives, allergic reaction, itching, or seasonal allergy symptoms.
Not recommended as a sleep aid or for relief of cold symptoms.
Not recommended under the age of 1 without the supervision of a doctor.

Timing: You may give a dose of diphenhydramine (Benadryl) every 6 hours as needed.

Weight	Liquid	Chewable	Tablets/capsules/strips
17-21 lbs	¾ tsp = 3.75 mL		
22-32 lbs	1 tsp = 5 mL	1 chew	
33-42 lbs	1 ½ tsp = 7.5 mL	1 ½ chews	
43-53 lbs	2 tsp = 10 mL	2 chews	1 tablet
54-64 lbs	2 ½ tsp = 12.5 mL	2 ½ chews	
65-75 lbs	3 tsp = 15 mL	3 chews	
76-86 lbs	3 ½ tsp = 17.5 mL	3 ½ chews	
>86 lbs	4 tsp = 20 mL	4 chews	2 tablets

Cetirizine (Zyrtec)

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Children’s liquid: 5 mg/5mL = 5 mg/1 tsp
 Children’s chewables: 5 mg **OR** 10 mg each
 Adult tablets or liquid gels: 5 mg **OR** 10 mg each

Indication: Give for hives, itching, or seasonal allergy symptoms.
Not recommended as a sleep aid or for relief of cold symptoms. *Not recommended* under the age of 6 months.

Timing: You may give a dose of cetirizine (Zyrtec) either once or twice daily, as indicated below.

Age	Liquid	5 mg Chew/Tabs	10 mg Chew/Tabs
2 – 5 years	1 tsp daily	1 daily	
6 – 11 years	1 tsp daily, may increase to 2 tsp daily if needed	1 daily, may increase to 2 daily if needed	1 daily
12 + years	2 tsp daily	2 daily	1 daily