

ACETAMINOPHEN (TYLENOL®)

How to say it: Ah-see-tah-min-ah-fen

What is it for: medication to help treat pain and reduce fever

Before using any medicine, remember to think SAFER:

Speak up

Ask Question

Find the facts

Evaluate your choices

Read the label

- ◆ Read and follow the medicine label.
- ◆ Severe liver damage may occur if you take:
 - ◆ More acetaminophen than directed
 - ◆ With other drugs containing acetaminophen
 - ◆ 3 or more alcoholic drinks every day while using acetaminophen

Always read the label

- ◆ Identify the active ingredient
- ◆ Do not take more than one medicine containing the same active ingredient
- ◆ Do not take more than the recommended dose



Prescription drugs sometimes shorten acetaminophen to "APAP" on the label.

Talk to your pharmacist if you are not sure if a medicine contains acetaminophen.

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*Compares to Extra Strength Tylenol®

Extra Strength
APAP
Acetaminophen 500 mg.
Pain Reliever - Fever Reducer
Contains No Aspirin

Most healthy people can take acetaminophen safely by:

- ◆ Not using more than one over-the-counter medicine containing acetaminophen in a day
- ◆ Reading and following all the information on the medicine label

To take acetaminophen safely, make sure you understand:

- ◆ How much you can take at one time (dose)
- ◆ How many hours you must wait before taking another dose
- ◆ How many times you can take it in a day
- ◆ An adult can safely take up to 3000 mg in a 24 hour period
 - ◆ This is 9 tablets of Regular Tylenol® (acetaminophen 325 mg)
 - ◆ Or 6 tablets of Extra Strength Tylenol® (acetaminophen 500 mg)

Ask your doctor or pharmacist before using acetaminophen if you:

- ◆ Have liver disease
- ◆ Are taking the blood thinning drug warfarin (also called Coumadin)
- ◆ Are taking another prescription medicine containing acetaminophen

If you take too much acetaminophen you might have liver damage and not know it.

Liver damage symptoms may not appear for days and include:

- ◆ Flu like symptoms
- ◆ Loss of appetite
- ◆ Nausea, vomiting, and yellowing of the skin

Over-the-counter medicines that may contain acetaminophen:

Actifed®	FeverAll®	Triaminic®
Alka-Seltzer Plus®	Goody's® Powders	TYLENOL®
BENADRYL®	Midol®	Vanquish®
Comtrex®	NyQuil®/DayQuil®	Vicks®
Contact®	Pamprin®	Excedrin®
Coricidin®	Robitussin®	TheraFlu®
Dimetapp®	Sinutab®	Tavist®

Prescription medicines that contain acetaminophen ("APAP"):

BRAND NAME	GENERIC NAME
Endocet®	Oxycodone, acetaminophen
Fioricet®	Butalbital, acetaminophen, caffeine
Lortab®, Norco®, Vicodin®	Hydrocodone, acetaminophen
Percocet®	Oxycodone, acetaminophen
Tylenol® with Codeine (Tylenol® #3)	Codeine, acetaminophen
Ultracet®	Tramadol HCl, acetaminophen