

Motrin Dosing (Ibuprophen)

The dose of this medicine will be different for different patients. Follow your doctor's orders or the directions on the label. The following information includes only the average doses of this medicine. If your dose is different, do not change it unless your doctor tells you to do so.

The amount of medicine that you take depends on the strength of the medicine. Also, the number of doses you take each day, the time allowed between doses, and the length of time you take the medicine depend on the medical problem for which you are using the medicine.

- For oral dosage form (tablets and suspension):
 - For fever:
 - Children over 2 years of age—Use and dose must be determined by your doctor.
 - Children 6 months of age up to 2 years—Dose is based on body weight and body temperature, and must be determined by your doctor. For fever lower than 102.5 °F (39.2 °C), the dose usually is 5 milligrams (mg) per kilogram (kg) (about 2.2 mg per pound) of body weight. For higher fever, the dose usually is 10 mg per kg (about 4.5 mg per pound) of body weight. The medicine may be given every six to eight hours, as needed, up to 40 mg per kg per day.
 - Infants younger than 6 months of age—Use and dose must be determined by your doctor.
 - For menstrual cramps:
 - Adults—400 milligrams (mg) every four hours, as needed.
 - Children—Use and dose must be determined by your doctor.
 - For mild to moderate pain:
 - Adults and teenagers—400 milligrams (mg) every four to six hours, as needed.
 - Children over 6 months of age—Dose is based on body weight and must be determined by your doctor. The dose usually is 10 milligrams (mg) per kilogram (kg) of body weight every six to eight hours, as needed, up to 40 mg per kg per day.
 - Infants younger than 6 months of age—Use and dose must be determined by your doctor.
 - For osteoarthritis and rheumatoid arthritis:
 - Adults and teenagers—1200 milligrams (mg) up to 3200 mg per day divided into three or four equal doses.
 - Children—Dose is based on body weight and must be determined by your doctor. The dose usually is 30 milligrams (mg) to 40 mg per kilogram (kg) of body weight per day, divided into three or four doses.
 - Infants younger than 6 months of age—Use and dose must be determined by your doctor.