Treating symptoms of flu

**DO**

- **Do use** children's ibuprofen (Motrin/Advil or another equivalent store brand).

  **OR**

- **Do use** acetaminophen (Tylenol or another equivalent store brand).

  Make sure you use the right amount of medicine for your child’s weight. Read the product label to see the appropriate dose of medicine and how frequently it should be given. If you have questions about dosage, check with your pharmacist or pediatrician on how much medicine to give.

Either ibuprofen or acetaminophen can be used to help reduce fever and ease body aches and pain. The two medicines should **not** be combined without direction from a healthcare professional.

**DO NOT**

**Do not use** these medicines when your child may have flu

**Do not** use any aspirin or aspirin-containing products, including all brands and types of the following:

- Alka-Seltzer
- Anacin
- Bayer
- BC Powder
- Doan’s
- Ecotrin
- Excedrin
- Goody’s
- Kaopectate
- Pamprin
- Pepto-Bismol
- St. Joseph’s
- Vanquish

**ATTENTION:** Acetaminophen can be found in both Tylenol and in cold and cough medicines (such as Dayquil and Mucinex). Make sure that you are not giving your child too much acetaminophen by combining the two. **Too much acetaminophen can be fatal.**

**Do not give** your child cough or cold medicines when also giving fever-reducing medicines, unless under the direction of your child’s doctor. Cough and cold medicines do not work for flu, and some ingredients are not safe for children.

Visit choa.org/flu to learn more.