

PRESENTATION

A solution or suspension containing paracetamol 120 milligrams in 5ml or paracetamol 250 milligrams in 5 ml.

INDICATIONS

Relief of mild to moderate pain and/or high temperature.

Intended primarily for use in children but may also be applicable to adults.

ACTIONS

Analgesic (pain relieving) and antipyretic (temperature reducing) drug.

CONTRA-INDICATIONS

Known allergy to paracetamol containing products.

If a product containing paracetamol (e.g. Calpol, Disprol) has been given within the last four hours or if the maximum cumulative daily dose has been given then further paracetamol should **NOT** be given.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

Route: Oral (5ml syringe).

Ensure paracetamol has not been taken within the previous 4 hours.

Concentration – 120 milligrams in 5 ml.

AGE	DOSE	VOLUME	MAXIMUM DOSE
Adult >12 years	960 milligrams or 1gram	40ml – 41.6ml	4 grams in 24 hours
6 to <12 years	480 or 500 milligrams	20ml – 20.8ml	2 grams in 24 hours
12 months to <6 years	(120 or 125)-(240 or 250) milligrams	5ml -10ml	1 gram in 24-hours
3 months to <12 months	(60 or 62.5)-(120 or 125) milligrams	2.5ml – 5ml	500 milligrams in 24-hours

Route: Oral (5ml syringe).

Concentration – 250 milligrams in 5 ml.

AGE	DOSE	VOLUME	MAXIMUM DOSE
Adult >12 years	960 milligrams or 1gram	19.2ml – 20ml	4 grams in 24 hours
6 to <12 years	480 or 500 milligrams	9.6ml – 10ml	2 grams in 24 hours
12 months to <6 years	(120 or 125)-(240 or 250) milligrams	2.5ml – 5ml	1 gram in 24-hours
3 months to <12 months	(60 or 62.5)-(120 or 125) milligrams	1.25ml – 2.5ml	500 milligrams in 24-hours

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A febrile child should not be left at home except where a full assessment has been carried out, the child has no apparent serious underlying illness and the child is referred to the General Practitioner with the full consent of the parent (or carer).

SIDE EFFECTS

Side effects are extremely rare.