



FAMILY MEDICAL CENTER

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For Fever: (> 101°)

Acetaminophen

15 mg/kg or 3
chewable (80 mg)
tablets every 6
hours as needed
or

Ibuprofen (not Aspirin)

10 mg/kg every 6
hours as needed

For Congestion:

Saline nose drops,
suction with bulb
syringe

Important Numbers

Poison Control
1-800-222-1222

Call us if your child:

- Has a fever that persists for more than 48 hours
- Has trouble breathing
- Is vomiting for more than 24 hours
- Is excessively sleepy or lethargic
- Has persistent abdominal pain
- Has bloody stool or urine

Name: _____

Date: _____

Weight: _____ Length: _____

Well Care At 4 Years

HEALTH ISSUES

- Offer healthy snack and meal choices, limiting sugars. Children often don't eat meals well because they graze with snacks all day - that is fine, just make sure those snacks are healthy snacks (yogurt, peanut butter, cheeses, crackers, cereals).
- Avoid direct sun exposure. Use a sunblock - SPF 15-30.
- Continue fluoride supplement if recommended by your doctor. Make an appointment with your dentist for a routine exam and start routine cleanings every 6 months.
- Continue to have your child brush his or her teeth daily with a pea-sized amount of toothpaste. You should assist them to ensure proper cleaning.

SAFETY ISSUES

- Continue safe car seat use. Read instructions for proper installation.
- Install and test your smoke detector in or near your child's room.
- Childproof your home (poisons, medicines, guns, plastic bags, sharp objects, cords, outlets, cigarettes, hot liquids, latches on cabinets).
- Make sure any playground environment is safe.
- Use a bike helmet for your child if riding on the back of a bike and when learning to ride alone.
- Supervise activities, especially around lawnmowers, large dogs, cars. Do not allow your child to ride on a riding lawnmower.
- Keep matches out of reach and instruct on fire safety.
- Do not keep a firearm in your home. If you must, make sure it is locked and out of reach.
- Start teaching your child not to take rides or food from strangers; also, teach that his or her "privates" should not be touched or looked at by anyone other than mom, dad, or a doctor.
- Teach your child how to swim and follow water safety rules.

YOUR CHILD SHOULD...

- Know his or her first and last name.
- Be able to draw a person with three parts.
- Know fantasy from reality.
- Throw a ball overhand and hop on one foot.
- Be able to sing songs.

YOU SHOULD...

- Talk and sing regularly with your child.
- Listen to music together with your child.
- Introduce board games and card games to your child.
- Limit TV to certain educational programs and to maximum of 1 hour per day. Practice selective TV viewing (not channel surfing).
- Continue to read books interactively with your child.
- Encourage opportunities for safely exploring his or her environment .
- Reward good behavior as much as possible.
- Be consistent with rules. Be firm. You decide how strict or liberal to be, just make sure you are consistent.
- Keep discipline brief. "Time-out" is usually effective at this age.
- Offer choices to your child at every opportunity to allow decision making.
- Encourage assertiveness but not aggressive behavior.
- Have a bedtime routine and put your child to sleep in his or her own room. If they wake up at night, take them back to their own room and, if needed, lay down with them in their room until they are asleep again.
- Eat meals as a family.
- Expect a poor appetite and don't argue with your child about not eating well.
- Try to allow expression of feelings (anger, joy, sadness, fear).
- Expect curiosity of genitalia and sexual matters. Use correct anatomy terminology. Answer sex-related questions in a simple manner.
- Expect your child to share, reward him or her when he or she does.
- Consider enrolling in a preschool or regular Sunday school program to develop social skills.