

Brand change: Paracetamol liquid 120 mg in 5 mL

From January 2023, a new brand of paracetamol liquid 120 mg in 5 mL will be available. Ethics paracetamol will replace the Paracare and Avallon paracetamol liquid brands.

(Say 'pa-ra-SEE-ta-mol')

Paracetamol liquid is commonly used for fever and pain relief, mainly in children.

How is Ethics paracetamol different?

Ethics paracetamol is off-white in colour and has a strawberry flavour. It has the same amount of active ingredient and works the same way as previous brands.



Note

The inactive ingredients such as flavourings and sweeteners may be different. If you have questions about these, talk to your GP, nurse or pharmacist.

! Different liquid medicines may have the same colour and flavour. Always read the label and give your child the right dose. **Do NOT rely on the colour, smell or flavour.**

How much paracetamol should I give my child?

- The dose of paracetamol depends on your child's weight.
- Weigh your child AND check the strength of the paracetamol you have.
- Use the dose table here to find the correct dose.

Before giving your child paracetamol:

- Check if your child still needs it.
- Wait at least 4 hours between doses.
- Do NOT give more than 4 doses in 24 hours.
- Check the expiry date.
- Do not use with other medicines containing paracetamol.



It's important your child does not take more than the daily recommended dose. If your child takes too much - all at once or over a period of days - paracetamol can damage their liver.

Paracetamol dose table

Child's weight	120 mg in 5 mL
Less than 5 kg	Ask your doctor or pharmacist
5 kg	3 mL
6 to 7 kg	3.5 mL
8 to 9 kg	5 mL
10 to 12 kg	6 mL
13 to 14 kg	8 mL
15 to 16 kg	9.5 mL
17 to 18 kg	10.5 mL
19 to 20 kg	12 mL
21 to 22 kg	13 mL
23 to 25 kg	14.5 mL
26 to 28 kg	16.5 mL
29 to 32 kg	18 mL
33 to 36 kg	20.5 mL
37 to 41 kg	23 mL
42 to 60 kg	26 mL
Greater than 60 kg	30 to 40 mL

 **For more information about paracetamol liquid visit pharmac.govt.nz/paracetamol-liquid**