

PEDIATRIC FEVER PROTOCOL

- Obtain a history of any home antipyretic therapy
- Patients between 0-6 months with a fever ≥ 101 degrees F (38.3 degrees C) should be medicated with acetaminophen at 15mg/ kg
- Patients >6 months may also be given Ibuprofen at 10mg/kg
- If the patient received dose of either of the above medications prior to arrival in the Emergency Department, the alternative medicine may be administered at the discretion of the triage nurse
- Any child with fever who appears in shock, is lethargic, or has complaints of a stiff neck or neck pain should be brought straight back to an exam room.
- Any child who has is being evaluated for a febrile seizure should be medicated with antipyretics & brought straight back to an exam room.