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ACETAMINOPHEN - ORAL

OTHER NAMES: Tylenol

USES: This drug is used to relieve mild to moderate pain and to reduce fever.

HOW TO TAKE THIS MEDICATION: Take this medication as directed. Do not take more than recommended. Do not use for more than 10 days without consulting your doctor.

This medication is not to be given to children under 3 years of age without your doctor's approval.

SIDE EFFECTS: When taken as directed, most people experience little or no side effects with this medication. Allergies to this can occur. Inform your doctor if you develop a rash, fever, sore throat, difficulty breathing, yellowing of the eyes or skin.

Overdoses of acetaminophen can cause severe, even fatal, liver damage. Keep this and all medications out of the reach of children.

In the unlikely event you have an allergic reaction to this drug, seek medical attention immediately. Symptoms of an allergic reaction include rash, itching, swelling, dizziness or trouble breathing.

PRECAUTIONS: Before taking nonprescription pain relievers or cold, cough and allergy products, read their labels to be sure they do not contain acetaminophen. An overdose of acetaminophen can be harmful.

If you drink 3 or more alcoholic beverages per day, the usual dosing of acetaminophen should be decreased. Contact your doctor or pharmacist for advice on your dosing.

Acetaminophen is often used instead of aspirin. They are equally effective in relieving pain, however, acetaminophen does not reduce swelling and inflammation like aspirin does. Aspirin is the drug of choice in arthritis.

There are many brands and forms of acetaminophen on the market. Read the dosing instructions carefully as the amount of acetaminophen may vary among products.

Acetaminophen appears to be safe for use during pregnancy. Use only if clearly needed.

Acetaminophen is found in breast milk, but side effects in nursing infants have not been reported. Consult you doctor if you are breast-feeding.

DRUG INTERACTIONS: Tell your doctor of all nonprescription and prescription drugs you use especially isoniazid, phenobarbital, phenytoin, zidovudine and sulfinpyrazone.

NOTES: Acetaminophen does not cause the stomach and intestinal ulcers that aspirin and aspirin-like NSAIDs (e.g., ibuprofen, ketoprofen) may cause.

MISSED DOSE: If you miss a dose, take as soon as remembered; do not take if it is almost time for the next dose, instead, skip the missed dose and resume your usual dosing schedule. Do not "double-up" the dose to catch up.

STORAGE: Store at room temperature between 59 and 86 degrees F (between 15 and 30 degrees C) away from moisture and sunlight. Do not store in the bathroom. Do not freeze liquid forms.