

# Supply issue: 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](https://www.pharmac.govt.nz/paracetamol-liquid)**