



Practice Statement Regarding the Use of Acetaminophen/Ibuprofen Before Immunizations

There is evidence that immunizations may work better if acetaminophen (Tylenol) or ibuprofen (Motrin, Advil) are not routinely given prior to receiving the immunizations.

Additionally only a small percentage of children experience fever or fussiness following immunizations.

It is now recommended that children not be given acetaminophen or ibuprofen routinely BEFORE immunizations, but acetaminophen or ibuprofen can be given if they develop fever or fussiness after they receive immunizations.