

PATIENT'S NAME:

MEDICATION: acetaminophen (Brand names include Abenol, Acephen, Aceta, Acetaminophen, Actimol, Aminofen, Apacet, Apo-Acetaminophen, Arthritis Foundation Pain Reliever, Aspirin Free, Aspirin Free Anacin, Aspirin Free Pain Relief, Atasol, Banesin, Children's Pain Reliever, Children's Tylenol Soft Chews, Dapa, Dolono, Datriil, Dynafed, Dynafed E.X., Exdol, Feverall, Genapap, Genebs, Halenol, Halenol Children's, Infant's Pain Reliever, Liquiprin, Mapap, Maranox, Neopap, Oraphen-PD, Panadol, Redutemp, Ridenol, Robigesic, Silapap, St. Joseph Aspirin-Free Drops, Tapanol, Temptra, Tylenol, Tylenol Arthritis, and Uni-Ace.)

WHAT IT'S USED FOR: Acetaminophen is used to treat mild to moderate pain and fever.

HOW TO TAKE IT

- Take drug with or without food.

WARNINGS & PRECAUTIONS!

- Before taking this drug, tell your prescriber if you have a history of anemia, liver disease, or urinary tract disease.
- Notify your prescriber immediately if you develop easy bruising or bleeding, rash, hives, fever, or symptoms of liver toxicity (such as yellowing of skin or eyes or unusual tiredness).
- Be aware that although most patients tolerate acetaminophen well, toxicity can occur with even a single dose. Notify your prescriber if you develop early symptoms of toxicity (nausea, vomiting, appetite loss, general ill feeling, and sweating).
- Don't give acetaminophen to children younger than age 2 without consulting your prescriber first.
- Don't use this drug at the same time as other acetaminophen-containing products.
- Contact your prescriber if fever or other symptoms persist despite taking the recommended amount of drug.
- Know that if you have chronic alcoholism, this drug may increase your risk of severe liver damage.
- Tell your prescriber if you are pregnant or breastfeeding.

SIDE EFFECTS

This drug may cause blood disorders, liver toxicity, yellowing of skin or eyes, low blood sugar, and hypersensitivity reactions (such as rash, hives, or fever). Notify your prescriber of serious or bothersome symptoms.

INTERACTIONS

- Acetaminophen may interact with other drugs, including activated charcoal, cholestyramine, colestipol, barbiturates (such as phenobarbital), carbamazepine, diflunisal, hydantoin (such as phenytoin), isoniazid, rifabutin, rifampin, sulfinpyrazone, oral contraceptives, phenothiazines (such as chlorpromazine), and zidovudine. Tell all prescribers that you are taking it.
- Avoid alcohol use while taking this drug.
- Be aware that acetaminophen may cause false-positive results with some home blood sugar measurement systems.

STORAGE

- Store drug at room temperature (not in bathroom) in a tightly closed container. Avoid high humidity and excessive heat with gelcaps, gels, and extended-relief caplets.

ADDITIONAL POINTS:

Your initials: _____

Date: _____