

## PART III: CONSUMER INFORMATION

Junior Strength Advil®  
Ibuprofen Tablets USP

This leaflet is part III of a three-part "Product Monograph" published when Junior Strength Advil® was approved for sale in Canada and is designed specifically for Consumers. This leaflet is a summary and will not tell you everything about Junior Strength Advil®. Contact your doctor or pharmacist if you have any questions about the drug.

## ABOUT THIS MEDICATION

What the medication is used for:

Provides up to 8 hours relief of fever. Relieves pain and fever due to colds or flu, sore throat, immunization, and earache.

What it does:

Ibuprofen reduces pain and fever.

Ibuprofen belongs to the class of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs), which act by decreasing prostaglandin biosynthesis, which are natural occurring substances in the body involved in the production of pain and inflammation. Relief from pain may be expected in 0.5 hour.

When it should not be used:

Do not use Junior Strength Advil® if your child has or is:

- peptic ulcer disease or gastrointestinal bleeding,
- taking acetylsalicylic acid (ASA), or any other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medication including any other ibuprofen product,
- allergic/hypersensitive to ASA, ibuprofen, other salicylates, other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) or any of Junior Strength Advil®'s ingredients (Refer to the nonmedicinal ingredients on outer carton or composition section),
- nasal polyps (swelling of the inside of the nose), or allergic manifestations such as asthma, anaphylaxis (sudden severe life threatening allergic reaction), urticaria/hives, rhinitis (stuffed or runny nose that may be due to allergies), skin rash or other allergic symptoms,
- dehydrated (significant fluid loss) due to vomiting, diarrhea or lack of fluid intake.
- been diagnosed with severe high blood pressure or have severe coronary artery disease,
- serious liver or kidney disease,
- Systemic Lupus Erythematosus,
- pregnant or nursing.
- right before or after heart surgery.

What the medicinal ingredient is:

Ibuprofen.

What the important nonmedicinal ingredients are:

See outer product carton or composition section of product

monograph.

What dosage forms it comes in:

Each tablet contains ibuprofen 100 mg.

## WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS

## Serious Warnings and Precautions

- Caution in patients prone to gastrointestinal tract irritation, including those with a history of peptic ulcer.

**BEFORE** you use Junior Strength Advil® talk to your doctor or pharmacist if:

- Child has peptic ulcers, diabetes, high blood pressure, heart failure or thyroid disease, asthma, kidney or liver disease, glaucoma, blood clotting disorder (such as hemophilia), any other serious disease, are under doctor's care for any serious condition, or are taking any other drug including over the counter drugs.
- Pregnant or nursing.

Use with caution in the elderly.

Long-term continuous use may increase the risk of heart attack or stroke.

## INTERACTIONS WITH THIS MEDICATION

Do not use this medicine if you are taking: Daily low dose ASA (81 – 325 mg), without talking to a doctor or pharmacist. Ibuprofen may interfere with the preventive benefits of ASA.

Drugs that may interact with Junior Strength Advil include: acetaminophen, anticoagulants (blood thinners), digoxin, oral antidiabetic agents and insulin, diuretics, methotrexate, lithium, protein-bound drugs including probenecid, thyroxine, antibiotics (e.g. cyclosporine), phenytoin, corticosteroids or benzodiazepines, other NSAIDs, or medications for high blood pressure. Tell your doctor or pharmacist what prescription drugs you are taking or plan to take.

## PROPER USE OF THIS MEDICATION

Usual dose:

Doses below may be repeated every 6-8 hours while symptoms persist, up to 4 doses a day, or as directed by a doctor. If possible use weight to dose; otherwise use age. Do not use longer than 3 days for a fever or 5 days for pain relief.

Do not use more than the recommended amount. Give with food or milk if stomach upset occurs.

Age (yrs.)	Weight		Dosage
	kg	lbs	
<2	Under 10.9	Under 24	<b>Use Advil Pediatric Drops</b>
2-3	10.9 - 15.9	24 - 35	1
4-5	16.0 - 21.3	36 - 47	1½
6-8	21.4 - 26.7	48 - 59	2
9- 10	26.8 - 32.5	60 - 71	2½
11-12	32.6 - 43.0	72 - 95	3

Children over 12 years of age and adults who have difficulty swallowing tablets may take up to 2 tablets (200 mg) every 4 hours or 4 tablets (400 mg) every 6-8 hours as needed. Do not exceed 12 tablets (1200 mg/day). Use the lowest effective dose for the shortest duration.

#### Overdose:

In case of overdose, call a Poison Control Centre or a doctor immediately, even if there are no symptoms.

#### Missed Dose:

- Take the missed dose as soon as you remember.
- If it is almost time for your next dose, wait until then to take your medicine and skip the missed dose.
- Do not take two doses at the same time.

### SIDE EFFECTS AND WHAT TO DO ABOUT THEM

If abdominal pain, heartburn, nausea or vomiting, bloating, diarrhoea or constipation, ringing or buzzing in the ears, nervousness, sleeplessness, dizziness or any change in vision, fluid retention, itching, skin rashes, skin reddening, blisters, blood in vomit, bloody or black stools, or any other unexplained symptoms develop while taking Junior Strength Advil®, discontinue use immediately and contact a doctor.

#### Talk to a doctor if:

- Child does not get any relief within 24 hours.
- The symptoms or fever persist for more than 3 days.
- Redness or swelling is present in the painful area.
- Sore throat is severe, lasts for more than 2 days or occurs with fever or headache.

Side effects may be minimized by using the smallest dose for the shortest duration of time.

*This is not a complete list of side effects. For any unexpected effects while taking Junior Strength Advil®, contact your doctor or pharmacist.*

### REPORTING SUSPECTED SIDE EFFECTS

You can help improve the safe use of health products for Canadians by reporting serious and unexpected side effects to Health Canada. Your report may help to identify new side effects and change the product safety information.

3 ways to report:

Online at MedEffect;  
By calling 1-866-234-2345 (toll-free);  
By completing a Consumer Side Effect Reporting Form and sending it by:

Fax to 1-866-678-6789 (toll-free), or  
Mail to: Canada Vigilance Program  
Health Canada, Postal Locator 0701E  
Ottawa, ON  
K1A 0K9

Postage paid labels and the Consumer Side Effect Reporting Form are available at MedEffect.

NOTE: Contact your health professional if you need information about how to manage your side effects. The Canada Vigilance Program does not provide medical advice.

### HOW TO STORE IT

Store at room temperature (15-30°C).

Keep out of reach of children. This package contains enough medicine to seriously harm a child. This package has a child resistant cap. Do not use if body sleeve is broken or missing.

### MORE INFORMATION

This document plus the full product monograph, prepared for health professionals can be found by contacting the sponsor, Pfizer Consumer Healthcare, a division of Pfizer Canada Inc., Mississauga, ON L5R 4B2 at: 1-888-275-9938.

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Product monograph available to doctors and pharmacists upon request.

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