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## **POLICY**

The Registered Nurse (RN) may administer Acetaminophen (Tylenol) if the Resident is in a febrile state. Standing orders are in place to ensure Acetaminophen is ordered for all Residents.

## **PROCEDURE**

1. Ensure that the Admission Medication Orders Medication Reconciliation form is signed by the Attending Physician..
2. Prior to administering Acetaminophen, the RN must ascertain that the Resident is not allergic to Acetaminophen products.
3. The RN may administer Acetaminophen Extra Strength (ES) 1-2 tablets every 4 hours (Q4H) as needed (PRN) orally or rectally for fever. The RN must document the medication given on Medication Administration Record (MAR) and document the intervention and the response in the Resident's progress notes (this should include recording of the temperature prior to and after administration of medication).
4. If the Resident has an ongoing febrile state, the RN should contact the Attending Physician for further orders.
5. Maximum Acetaminophen dose should not exceed 4 Grams in 24 hours (as per Admission Medication Orders).
6. Caution should be taken in the use of Acetaminophen for Residents who have known liver disease or liver failure. Discussion with the Attending Physician should occur in these incidences.

## **CROSS REFERENCE**

[Admission Medication Orders Medication Reconciliation form](#)  
[Medication Administration Record](#)