

Fever

What is it?

A rise in body temperature. consisting of 100.4 (38 C) or higher.

Plan of Action:

To treat a fever:

- Drink plenty of fluids to stay hydrated.
- Dress in lightweight clothing.
- Use a light blanket if you feel chilled, until the chills end.
- Take acetaminophen (Tylenol, others) or ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin IB, others). Follow the directions on the label.

When to seek medical advice:

Seek medical care if someone with a fever has any of the following signs and symptoms:

- Difficulty breathing
- Chest pain
- Severe headache

- Confusion or agitation
- Abdominal pain
- Repeated vomiting
- Dry mouth, decreased or dark urine, or refusal to drink fluids, which may indicate dehydration
- Skin rashes
- Difficulty swallowing fluids
- Pain with urination or pain in the back

When to seek emergency care:

- Fever with no sweating
 - Severe headache
 - Seizures
 - Stiff neck
 - Confusion
 - Repeated vomiting or diarrhea
 - Irritability or significant discomfort
 - Any worrisome, different or unusual symptoms
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