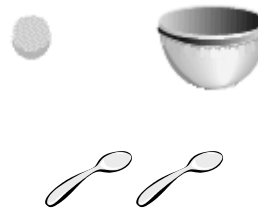


Crushing Ciprofloxacin Pills for Your Child

- For child who weighs less than 73 pounds, you should crush the pill and mix it with a liquid. This will make it easier to give your child the correct amount.
- The amount of medicine depends on the child's weight. Give the amount marked below for your child.
- Give two doses each day. Give one in the morning and one in the evening.
- To make it taste better, the liquid medicine can be mixed with a **small amount** of food or juice. **Be sure the child takes all this mixture to get the full dose of medicine.**

You will need:

- 1 Ciprofloxacin 500mg pill
- Metal spoon to crush the pill
- Measuring teaspoon
- Small bowl or cup
- 2 teaspoons of water



Follow these steps:

1. Put the Ciprofloxacin pill into a small bowl or cup.
2. Use the measuring teaspoon to **add 2 teaspoons** of water to the bowl. Let the pill sit in the liquid to soften.
3. **Crush the pill** with the back of the metal spoon until no large pieces are seen.
4. Stir the pill in the liquid for 1 minute to dissolve it.
5. **Measure the amount of liquid medicine** for your child's dose, as marked below. Stir or swirl the liquid to get it mixed well, then quickly use the syringe you were given to measure the dose.

Child's weight	Give this much liquid	How often each day
7-12 pounds (3-5 kg)	1 ml	Two times
13-22 pounds (6-10 kg)	2 ml	Two times
23-33 pounds (11-15 kg)	3 ml	Two times
34-44 pounds (16-20 kg)	4 ml	Two times
45-56 pounds (21-25 kg)	5 ml	Two times
57-72 pounds (26-32 kg)	7.5 ml	Two times
73 pounds or more (33 kg or more)	10 ml	Two times

- The liquid should be kept covered in the refrigerator between doses.
- Mix the pill with liquid each day and throw away unused portions at the end of the day. The medicine mixed with liquid will go bad after 1 day.