



Yolo County Emergency Medical Services Agency

Quick Reference

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Medication Profile

Acetaminophen (Tylenol)

Class:

Non-opioid analgesic

Action:

The action is not precisely known; however, it is thought to be centrally mediated.

Onset: 10-15 minutes

Peak: 1-hour

Duration: 4-6 hours

Indications:

Mild to moderate pain
Adjunct to other analgesics for severe pain

Contraindications:

Hypersensitivity/allergy
Liver Disease or complications (e.g.
Transplant)

Side Effects:

GI: Nausea, vomiting, constipation
CNS: Headache, insomnia

Notes:

- Should be administered within 6 hours of opening the package.
- May be used as a longer lasting adjunct to other analgesics for severe pain.
- Useful for patients with mild to moderate pain who are not already taking acetaminophen.
- Useful for patients with renal insufficiency, pediatrics, and geriatrics who are not candidates for ketorolac.

This document is not a substitute for Protocols and Procedures.

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