Pediatric Fever

This protocol is intended to assist EMS providers in reducing fever in the pediatric patients prior to arrival to the emergency department. Fever is defined as a core temperature of 101 degrees Fahrenheit (38 degrees Celsius) or greater. Emergency management of the febrile child involves an assessment to determine if any associated problems are present which may require emergency treatment.

Pre-Medical Control

MFR/EMT/SPECIALIST/PARAMEDIC

1. Obtain baseline temperature and document method used.
2. Facilitate passive cooling by removing excess clothing and blankets.

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3. If the child has not been given acetaminophen in last four (4) hours and is alert, give oral Tylenol (acetaminophen) 15 mg/kg.
4. If any question concerning alertness or ability to swallow, **DO NOT ADMINISTER.**