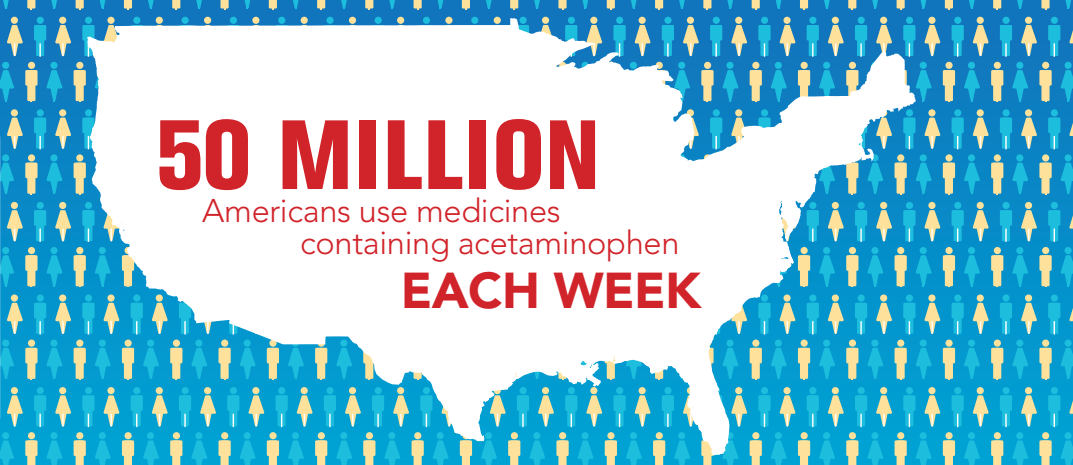


# ACETAMINOPHEN

THE MOST COMMON DRUG INGREDIENT IN AMERICA



FOUND IN  
MORE THAN  
**600**  
different  
prescription &  
over-the-counter  
medicines



**50 MILLION**  
Americans use medicines  
containing acetaminophen  
**EACH WEEK**



## USING IT

Acetaminophen is a **safe and effective pain reliever and fever reducer** when used as directed. More than 95% of the time, it is taken according to directions on the medicine label.<sup>1</sup>



## AVOIDING OVERDOSE

### EXCEEDING THE MAXIMUM DAILY DOSE



of 4,000 mg is  
an overdose  
and can lead  
to liver damage<sup>2</sup>

**OF THOSE  
WHO  
EXCEED  
4,000 MG  
IN 1 DAY,  
MOST DO  
SO BY<sup>3</sup>**



Taking the next  
dose too soon



Using multiple  
products containing  
acetaminophen



Taking too much  
at one time



## PROMOTING SAFE USE & EDUCATING CONSUMERS

### EDUCATION IS WORKING

More consumers are aware that  
"exceeding the recommended  
dose can lead to liver damage"<sup>4</sup>

**78%**  
2010

**87%**  
2013

### FOLLOW SAFE USE STEPS

1. Always read & follow the medicine label
2. Know if your medicines contain acetaminophen
3. Never take two acetaminophen-containing medicines at the same time
4. Ask your healthcare professional or pharmacist if you have questions

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