

# THE BASICS OF ACETAMINOPHEN



## HOW DOES IT WORK? HOW WILL IT HELP ME?



Blocks the pain signals reducing the feeling of pain



Works in the brain to help cool your body reducing discomfort from a fever



Improves your ability to participate in daily activities without suffering from as much pain

## WHEN WILL IT WORK? HOW LONG WILL IT LAST?



- 🕒 Starts working in less than an hour
- 🕒 Generally lasts for 4-6 hours (or 8 hours with the 8-hour tablets or caplets)

## WHAT FOODS, DRINKS, OR MEDICINES SHOULD I AVOID WHILE TAKING ACETAMINOPHEN?



Drinking alcohol while taking acetaminophen increases the risk of liver damage



You should not take any other medications that take acetaminophen (e.g., Percocet, Vicodin, Cough/Cold Products, etc.)

## SERIOUS SIDE EFFECTS? CALL THE HOSPICE NURSE



Yellowing of skin or eyes



Rash



Abdominal Pain