



St. Clair County Medical Control Authority  
**ADULT TREATMENT**  
FEVER


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## **Adult Fever**

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

1. Obtain baseline temperature and document method used.
2. Facilitate passive cooling by removing excess clothing and blankets.
-  3. If the patient has not been given acetaminophen in last four (4) hours, is alert, and able to swallow, administer **650 mg Acetaminophen PO**.

- a. If the patient's weight is less than 80lbs, see **4-6 Pediatric Fever Protocol**

4. If any question concerning alertness or ability to swallow, **DO NOT ADMINISTER.**



5. Dosing questions should be directed to online medical control.

**\*\*NOTE: Evaluate patient for septic shock. If symptoms present, refer to Sepsis protocol, 3.5**