Ibuprofen Use in Patients with COVID-19

Summary of Findings: Review of available data does not indicate any added risk, and we are not advising patients or providers to avoid use of ibuprofen or other NSAIDs.

High-level summary:

- The American Academy of Pediatrics agrees with the World Health Organization about the use of ibuprofen during the COVID-19 pandemic. Right now, there is not enough evidence to recommend you avoid using ibuprofen, unless you have an underlying medical condition that makes ibuprofen less safe.
- Using acetaminophen is a reasonable and safe option.

Recommended clinical actions:

- In children, the goal should be to improve their overall comfort, monitor their activity, look for signs of serious illness, and make sure they drink enough liquids.
- The AAP recommends parents talk with their child’s pediatrician about the correct dose before using any medication. Use a medication syringe or dropper to measure the correct amount because they are more reliable than a measuring spoon.
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