



OTC Cough and Cold Medicines— Survey questions

[FOR PARENTS WITH CHILDREN AGE 6 MOS TO 2 YEARS]

Over-the-counter medicines can be used to treat symptoms of a stuffy or runny nose, cough, itchy eyes, high temperature (fever) and body aches or pain. Some of these products are made to treat multiple symptoms at once. They come in liquid form, and can be purchased without a prescription.

Q1. When was the last time you gave your [X-YEAR/MONTH]-old child an over-the-counter medicine for cold, cough and/or flu symptoms?

1. Within the past 3 months
2. 4-6 months ago
3. 7-12 months ago
4. More than 12 months ago [DO NOT SHOW FOR CHILD = 6 TO 11 MOS]
5. Never

[IF Q1=1, 2, 3, 4]

Q2. How important were the following in choosing to use over-the-counter medicine for your [X-YEAR/MONTH]-old child's cold, cough and/or flu symptoms?

Select one response in each row.

	Very important	Somewhat important	Not important
I wanted my child to be able to sleep better			
I wanted my child to be more comfortable during the daytime			
My child's health care provider recommended the medicine			

Q3. When did you last discuss the use of over-the-counter cold, cough and/or flu medicine with your [X-YEAR/MONTH]-old child's health care provider?

1. Within the past 3 months
2. 4-6 months ago
3. 7-12 months ago
4. More than 12 months ago [DO NOT SHOW FOR CHILD = 6 TO 11 MOS]
5. Never

[IF Q3= 1, 2, 3, OR 4]

Q4. What did your [X-YEAR/MONTH]-old child's health care provider say about cough, cold and/or flu medicines for children under 2, regarding...?

Safety	<input type="checkbox"/> They are safe	<input type="checkbox"/> They are not safe	<input type="checkbox"/> Did not discuss
Effectiveness	<input type="checkbox"/> They are effective	<input type="checkbox"/> They are not effective	<input type="checkbox"/> Did not discuss

Participants were also asked demographic questions on gender, race/ethnicity, annual household income and insurance status.

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