Fever in babies Transcript

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What Counts as a Fever

Let's talk about fever. I'm Dr. Carol Keim. And fever is anything that's over 100.4 degrees in any age group.

Fever in Newborns and Young Infants

That's 38 degrees Celsius. So if your baby or child has a fever, the younger they are, The more serious it is. If it's in the first couple months of life, you need to take them into the emergency room to get checked out because there is a small chance that they could have a serious bacterial infection causing that fever The immune system is still developing up till about a year of age.

And so younger than a year, any baby with a fever, it typically takes a pretty good infection for them to be able to amount to fever.

Fever in Older Babies and Children

Once they get older and older, It's just less of a workup and less invasive and last serious. But when they're over a years of age, then treating fever is pretty optional.

So I say treat a Fever if it's causing your child to Be uncomfortable over A year of Age. And there's not really an absolute number that you have to treat until it gets up to 105, which is a very high