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APAP

[ey-**pee**-ey-pee]**WHAT DOES *APAP* MEAN?**

APAP is an abbreviation referring to acetaminophen, a very common pain-relieving and fever-reducing drug.

It's also an acronym for *Automatic Positive Airway Pressure*, a medical device used to treat sleep apnea.

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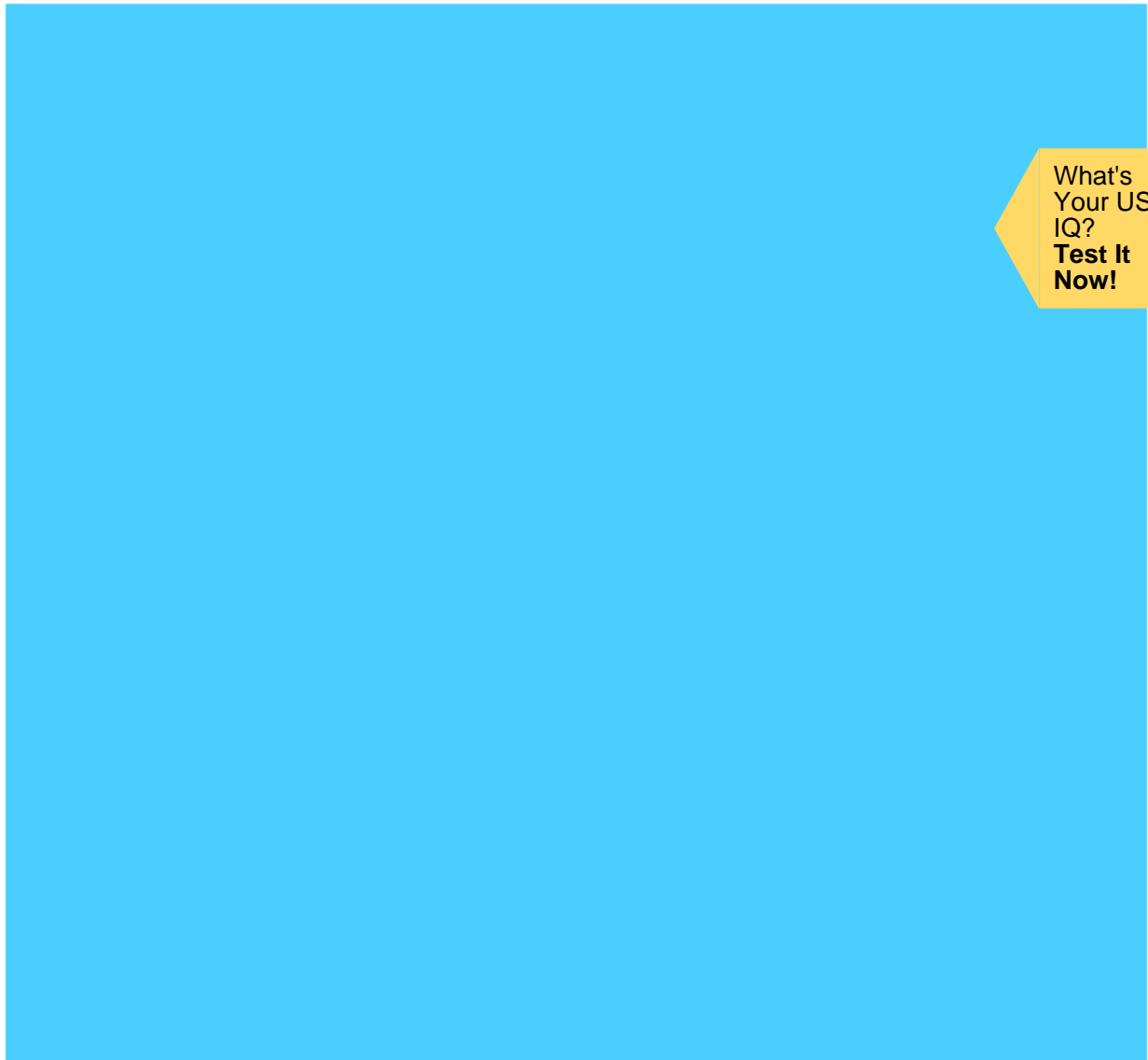
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WHERE DOES APAP COME FROM?



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APAP is short for N-acetyl-para-aminophenol, better known as [acetaminophen](#) or [paracetamol](#). The abbreviation is taken from the initials of the major chemical elements, as shown here in bold: N-**acetyl-para-aminophenol**.

The substance belongs to a group of pain- and fever-reducing medicines called [analgesics](#). First discovered in 1877, APAP became widely used as an over-the-counter drug to treat everyday headaches, colds, flus, and allergies in 1955 under the brand Tylenol. Since it is such a common medicine, APAP does run the risk for abuse, overdose, and liver injury if not used as directed.

As an acronym *Automatic Positive Airway Pressure*, APAP refers to non-invasive medical devices worn like a mask for [sleep apnea](#) patients. The devices help ensure the throat doesn't close up during sleep, and unlike other sleep apnea therapies, can automatically adjust its pressure levels even as a patient shifts in their sleep throughout the night.



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WHO USES APAP?

While *acetaminophen* is a household word (and substance), the drug *APAP* typically appears in more specialized contexts, used among chemists, pharmacists, and doctors. Everyday people may encounter *APAP* in doctors' offices, pharmacies, and hospitals if drugs using the substance are being administered or prescribed.

Also used in the specialized contexts of sleep medicine and therapy, *APAP* is used familiarly among many people who suffer from sleep apnea.

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