



Aspirin

Medication Name	Brand Name
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What is it used for?

Aspirin helps prevent blood clots forming in blood vessels for people who have coronary heart disease. It is also used as a pain reliever.

How to take this medication?

This medication should be taken regularly. If a dose is missed, only take the dose if you remember within three hours. If not, do not take the missed dose, and take the next dose when it is due normally. Try to take this medication with food or it can cause stomach irritation. Do not lie down for at least 10 minutes after you have taken this medication. Only remove aspirin from the foil directly before use as air will cause it to degrade.

Take this medication only as the directions say on the pharmacy label.

Before taking this medication it is important to tell your doctor if you:

- Are pregnant or plan to become pregnant
- Are breast feeding
- Suffer from asthma, bleeding disorder or stomach ulcers
- Have previously had an allergic reaction to any NSAIDS (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medication)

Side Effects

Side effects occur in some people taking this medication. If they are troublesome to you, speak to your doctor or pharmacist.

It is very important to tell your doctor immediately if you have:

- **Stomach irritation**
- **Breathing difficulties**
- **Skin reactions**
- **Excessive bruising or bleeding**

Other important facts

- Your doctor or dentist needs to know you are on this medication before any procedures or operations
- Never share your medicines with anyone
- Keep the medicine out of reach of children
- Avoid alcohol and tobacco while taking aspirin

If you have any queries about your medications, talk to your Doctor or pharmacist.

This information is only designed for use as an educational aid and is general in nature.

This resource was produced using information from Hospital Pharmacy Services and current medication guidelines.

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