

## **ASPIRIN (By mouth)**

**Aspirin (AS-pir-in)**

Treats pain, fever, arthritis, and inflammation. It may also be used to reduce the risk of heart attack.

**Brand Name (s) :** Ecotrin, Ecotrin Adult Low Strength, Aspiatab, Bayer Genuine Aspirin, Norwich Aspirin, Pravigard Pac Kit, Bayer Extra Strength, Aspir-Low, Bayer Aspirin Children's, St. Joseph Pain Reliever, Aspirin Adult Low Strength, Easprin, Entercole, Bayer Aspirin Regimen, Ecpirin

There may be other brand names for this medicine.

### **When This Medicine Should Not Be Used:**

You should not use this medicine if you have had an allergic reaction to aspirin or to pain and arthritis medicine (such as Motrin®, Advil®, Naprosyn®). Aspirin should not be given to children or teenagers with fever, chickenpox, or symptoms of the flu or viral infection, because aspirin can cause a serious disease called Reye's syndrome. You should not use this medicine if you have an active stomach ulcer or any kind of bleeding problem.

### **How to Use This Medicine:**

**Tablet, Chewable Tablet, Coated Tablet, Delayed Release Tablet**

- Your doctor will tell you how much of this medicine to use and how often. Do not use more medicine or use it more often than your doctor tells you to.
- If you are using this medicine without a prescription, follow the instructions on the medicine label.
- It is best to take this medicine with food or milk.
- Swallow the **tablet, capsule, or coated tablet** whole. Do not crush, chew, or break it. The **chewable tablet** may be completely chewed or swallowed whole.
- Completely chew the **chewing gum** to make sure you get as much medicine as possible. Drink a full glass (8 ounces) of water after chewing the **gum**.

**If a dose is missed:**

- If you miss a dose or forget to use your medicine, use it as soon as you can. If it is almost time for your next dose, wait until then to use the medicine and skip the missed dose. Do not use extra medicine to make up for a missed dose.

### **How to Store and Dispose of This Medicine:**

- Store the medicine in a tightly closed container at room temperature away from heat, moisture, and direct light.
- Ask your pharmacist, doctor, or health caregiver about the best way to dispose of any outdated medicine or medicine no longer needed.
- Keep all medicine out of the reach of children.

### **Drugs and Foods to Avoid:**

**Ask your doctor or pharmacist before using any other medicine, including over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal products.**

- Aspirin can cause stomach bleeding. Drinking alcohol can make this worse. If you have 3 or more drinks of alcohol every day, ask your doctor if you should take aspirin. One drink of alcohol is the same as 4 ounces of wine, 12 ounces of beer, or 1 ounce of hard liquor (gin, whiskey, and others).
- Make sure your doctor knows if you are also using a blood thinner (such as Coumadin®), probenecid, cortisone medicine (such as prednisone), or methotrexate.
- Make sure your doctor knows if you are also using ticlopidine (Ticlid®), dipyridamole (Persantine®), or sulfinpyrazone (Anturane®).

### **Warnings While Using This Medicine:**

- Check with your doctor before using if you are pregnant or breastfeeding, or if you have asthma, kidney problems, or a history of ulcers
- Aspirin may cause incorrect results with some urine sugar tests.

### **Possible Side Effects While Using This Medicine:**

**Call your doctor right away if you notice any of these side effects:**

- Severe stomach pain
- Bloody vomit or vomit that looks like coffee grounds
- Blood in stools or urine
- Skin rash or hives with intense itching
- Swelling of the face or eyelids
- Wheezing or trouble breathing
- Severe dizziness or drowsiness
- Ringing in the ears

**If you notice these less serious side effects, talk with your doctor:**

- Upset stomach
- Heartburn

**If you notice other side effects that you think are caused by this medicine, tell your doctor.**

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