

PRESENTATION 300 milligram aspirin (acetylsalicylic acid) in tablet form (dispersible).	INDICATIONS Adults with: clinical or ECG evidence of myocardial infarction or ischaemia central chest pain, possibly of cardiac origin. Aspirin should be administered to any patient with chest pain unless the diagnosis is very clearly non-cardiac or the drug is contraindicated.						
ACTIONS Has an anti-platelet action which reduces clot formation. Analgesic, anti-pyretic and anti-inflammatory.							
CAUTIONS As the likely benefits of a single 300 milligram aspirin outweigh the potential risks, aspirin may be given to patients with: Asthma Pregnancy Kidney or liver failure Gastric or duodenal ulcer	CONTRA-INDICATIONS Known aspirin allergy or sensitivity. Children under 16 years. Current treatment with anti-coagulants. Haemophilia or other clotting disorders.						
SIDE EFFECTS Gastric bleeding. Wheezing in some asthmatics.	ADDITIONAL INFORMATION In suspected MI a 300 milligram aspirin tablet should be given regardless of any previous aspirin taken that day. Aspirin is contra-indicated in children under the age of 16 years as it may rarely precipitate Reye's Syndrome. This syndrome is very rare and occurs in young children, damaging the liver and brain. It has a mortality rate of 50%.						
DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION Adults Adults with apparent, suspected or possible myocardial infarction. Route: Oral – chewed or dissolved in water Concentration – 300 milligrams. <table><tr><th>AGE</th><th>DOSE</th><th>VOLUME</th></tr><tr><td>Adult</td><td>300 milligrams</td><td>1 tablet</td></tr></table>	AGE	DOSE	VOLUME	Adult	300 milligrams	1 tablet	
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