Aspirin
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Brand name: Bayer® Aspirin

There are many other brands of this medicine available.

My medicine is called: ________________________

Why do I need this medicine?
Aspirin treats pain, fever, arthritis, and other types of inflammation. It may also be used to lower the risk of heart attack or stroke by making your blood less likely to clot.

Do not take this medicine if:
• You have had a true allergic reaction to aspirin, or to pain and arthritis medicine. A true allergic reaction is rare and means your immune system is activated by the medicine.

• You have an active stomach ulcer or any kind of bleeding problem.

Aspirin should not be given to children or teenagers with a fever, chickenpox, or symptoms of a flu or viral infection because it can cause a serious disease called Reye’s syndrome.
How to take and store this medicine
Keep all medicine out of the reach of children and pets.

Tablets (enteric coated)
• Swallow the tablet whole. Do not crush or chew.
• Take with a large glass of water.
• Store the medicine in a tightly closed container at room temperature (15-30 °C) away from heat, moisture, and direct light. Do not store it in the bathroom.

Tablets (regular, chewable)
• Take with food, milk, or a glass of water.
• Chewable tablets may be chewed or swallowed whole.
• Store this medicine in a tightly closed container at room temperature (15-30 °C) away from heat, moisture, and direct light. Do not store it in the bathroom.
If you miss a dose

• Take it as soon as possible.
• Skip the missed dose if it is almost time for your next scheduled dose.
• Do not take two doses at the same time.

Medicines and foods to avoid

Ask your doctor or pharmacist before taking any other medicine, including over-the-counter products.

• Do not drink alcohol while taking aspirin as the combination can cause stomach upset.
• Make sure your doctor knows if you are taking blood thinners (such as Coumadin® [warfarin], probenecid, corticosteroids (such as cortisone, prednisone), or methotrexate.
• Make sure your doctor knows if you are taking ticlopidine (Ticlid®), dipyridamole (Persantine®), sulfinpyrazone (Anturane), clopidogrel (Plavix®), vitamin E, or any anti-inflammatories (NSAIDs).

What are your questions?
Please ask. We are here to help you.
Warnings

• Check with your doctor before taking aspirin 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.

Call your doctor right away or go to the Emergency Department if you have:

 › Severe stomach pain
 › Bloody vomit or vomit that looks like coffee grounds
 › Blood in your bowel movements or urine
 › Skin rash or hives with really bad itching
 › Swelling in your face or eyelids
 › Wheezing or trouble breathing
 › Severe dizziness or drowsiness
 › Ringing in your ears
If you have any of these less serious side effects, tell your doctor:

› Upset stomach
› Heartburn

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

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