ACETYLSALICYLIC ACID (ASPIRIN) (C)
(Revised: January 2010)

TYPE: Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug [S2]

PRESENTATION: Tablet 300 mg

ACTIONS: 1. Inhibits platelet function (up to 7 days).
2. Suppresses inflammation, reduces fever, relieves pain.
   Rapidly absorbed from the stomach and small bowel.

USE: Suspected Myocardial Ischaemia - reducing platelet aggregation and limiting clot development.

ADVERSE EFFECTS: Allergic reactions e.g. asthma, angioneurotic oedema, urticaria, rhinitis, shock.

CHECK FOR PREVIOUS REACTIONS Aggravation of bleeding tendencies.
Gastric irritation (unlikely with 1 tablet only).

CONTRA-INDICATIONS: Known or suspected allergy to Salicylates
Known or suspected active bleeding
Known bleeding tendency
Chest pain associated with psychostimulant OD (due to an increased risk of cerebral haemorrhage)

DOSE: 1 tablet (300 mg) chewed and swallowed, or dissolved in a small amount of water.
½ tablet (150 mg) if on Warfarin

Single dose only

SPECIAL NOTE: Administer even when patient is on slow release Aspirin.