

**ACETYLSALICYLIC ACID (*Aspirin*) (C)**  
(Revised: January 2010)



<b>TYPE:</b>	Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug [S2]		
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<b>PRESENTATION:</b>	300mg – tablet		
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<b>ACTIONS:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Inhibits platelet function (for up to 7 days)</li> <li>2. Suppresses inflammation, reduces fever, relieves pain (Rapidly absorbed from the stomach and small bowel)</li> </ol>		
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<b>USE:</b>	<b>ICP</b>	Suspected myocardial ischaemia – reducing platelet aggregation and limiting clot development	<b>AP</b>
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<b>ADVERSE EFFECTS:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Allergic reactions</li> <li>2. Aggravation of bleeding tendencies</li> <li>3. Gastric irritation (unlikely with one tablet only)</li> </ol>		
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<b>CONTRA-INDICATIONS:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Known or suspected allergy to salicylates</li> <li>2. Known or suspected active bleeding</li> <li>3. Known bleeding tendency</li> <li>4. Chest pain associated with psychostimulant overdose (due to an increased risk of cerebral haemorrhage)</li> </ol>		
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**DOSES:**

**ADULT:**

<b>ICP</b>	<p>1 tablet (300mg) – chewed and swallowed, or dissolved in a small amount of water.</p> <p>½ tablet (150mg) if on warfarin.</p> <p>Single dose only.</p> <p>Administer even when patient is on slow release aspirin.</p>	<b>AP</b>
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