### ACETYLSALICYLIC ACID (Aspirin) (C)
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<th>Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug [S2]</th>
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<td>PRESENTATION:</td>
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| ACTIONS:       | 1. Inhibits platelet function (for up to 7 days)  
                2. Suppresses inflammation, reduces fever, relieves pain  
                (Rapidly absorbed from the stomach and small bowel) |
| USE:           | ICP  | Suspected myocardial ischaemia – reducing platelet aggregation and limiting clot development  |
|               | AP   |                                           |
| ADVERSE EFFECTS: | 1. Allergic reactions (e.g. asthma, angioneurotic oedema, urticaria, rhinitis, shock). CHECK FOR PREVIOUS REACTIONS!  
                  2. Aggravation of bleeding tendencies  
                  3. Gastric irritation (unlikely with 1 tablet only) |
| CONTRA-INDICATIONS: | 1. Known or suspected allergy to salicylates  
                        2. Known or suspected active bleeding  
                        3. Known bleeding tendency  
                        4. Chest pain associated with psychostimulant overdose  
                           (due to an increased risk of cerebral haemorrhage) |

### DOSE:

**ADULT:**

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