

## ASPIRIN (low-dose)

*ass-prin*

### What does it do?

Low-dose *aspirin* is used to prevent clots forming in your blood. This reduces your chance of having a stroke or a heart attack.

### How should you take it?

Take *aspirin* regularly as directed.

Swallow the coated tablets whole with a glass of water.

Dissolve the soluble tablets in a glass of water before taking.

Cardiprin® tablets may be dissolved in your mouth.

### What if you forget a dose?

Should an occasional dose be missed it need not be taken later.

### Can you take other medicines?

Some medicines available without a prescription may react with *aspirin* including:

- anti-inflammatories, such as diclofenac (e.g. Voltaren®), ibuprofen (e.g. Nurofen®), or *aspirin* (e.g. Disprin®, in doses used for pain relief). These can also be found in some cold and flu medicines (e.g. Nurofen Cold and Flu®).

Tell your pharmacist or doctor about all medicines or treatments that you may be taking, including vitamins, herbal products (e.g. ginkgo) or recreational drugs.

### What side effects might you notice?

Side Effects	Recommended action
Symptoms of allergy including: skin rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing Reduced number of blood cells that help your blood to clot - symptoms include: easy or unusual bruising or bleeding	Tell your doctor immediately
Stomach upset	Tell your doctor if troublesome

If you notice any other effects, discuss them with your doctor or pharmacist.

### Other information:

- Tell your doctor if you have stomach, liver or bleeding problems, or if you have asthma.
- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.
- It is important to tell anyone who gives you medical or dental treatment that you are taking *aspirin*.
- *Aspirin* should not be used in children without medical advice.