

ASPIRIN (low-dose)

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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.