Aspirin Suppositories 300mg
Acetylsalicylic acid (Aspirin)

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine.
- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, please ask your doctor, nurse or pharmacist.
- This medicine has been prescribed for you. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their symptoms are the same as yours.
- If any of the side effects get serious, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor, nurse or pharmacist.

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1. What Aspirin Suppositories are and what they are used for

This active ingredient Acetylsalicylic acid (Aspirin) is a medicine with pain relieving properties.

Aspirin Suppositories are used for:
- the relief of mild to moderate pain caused by headaches or neuralgia
- the relief of a high temperature (fever) due to a cold or flu
- the relief of pain and swelling due to rheumatic disease, arthritis or sciatica.

2. Before you use Aspirin Suppositories

You should not use Aspirin Suppositories if:
- you are allergic (hypersensitive) to Acetylsalicylic acid (Aspirin) or to any other similar medicines (NSAIDS), or to any of the ingredients listed in section 6 of this leaflet
- you suffer from asthma
- you suffer from an allergy or have previously suffered from an allergic reaction with symptoms such as swelling, itching or a runny nose.
- you suffer from a blood disorder known as haemophilia
- your blood has difficulty clotting
- you are suffering or have previously suffered from a stomach ulcer
- you suffer from gout

Do not give Aspirin Suppositories to children under 16 years of age as it may cause serious and possibly fatal side effects.
If any of the above apply to you please tell your doctor before taking this medicine.

Take special care with Aspirin Suppositories.
Tell your doctor if:
- you suffer from liver or kidney problems
- you are dehydrated
- your doctor has told you that you suffer from a blood disorder known as G6PD deficiency
- you have a history of bleeding from your stomach or intestines
- If your symptoms persist you should consult your doctor.

Do not use Aspirin Suppositories for a prolonged period of time.

Taking other medicines
Effects of the treatment may be influenced if aspirin is taken at the same time as some other medicines for:
- Blood clot (e.g. warfarin)
- Rejection of organ after transplantation (cyclosporine, tacrolimus)
- High blood pressure (e.g. diuretics and ACE inhibitors)
- Other medicines for: pain and inflammation (e.g. steroids or anti-inflammatory medicines)
- Gout (probenecid)
- Cancer or rheumatoid arthritis (methotrexate)
- Diabetes (insulin)

Before using aspirin inform your doctor about the medicines you are taking. If you are using aspirin regularly seek advice of your doctor before taking any other medicine including medicines bought over the counter and medicines obtained without a prescription.
If you have any doubts as to whether Aspirin Suppositories are suitable for you please consult your doctor.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding:
Aspirin Suppositories may be used during pregnancy but should be avoided near to the birth as it may prolong labour and increase bleeding.
Aspirin Suppositories should not be used if you are breast-feeding.

Effects on the ability to drive and use machinery:
There are no known effects of using Aspirin Suppositories on driving or using machines.

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3. How to use Aspirin Suppositories

Always use Aspirin Suppositories exactly as your doctor has told you. You should check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.
- If you need to empty your bowels this should be done before inserting the suppository.
- Wash hands before opening individual packaging.
  If the suppository is too soft, it may be chilled in the refrigerator or under cold running water before unwrapping.
- To remove a suppository, tear one from the strip along the perforations then peel it from the plastic wrapping by grasping the two halves of the wrapping at the tip of the suppository and pulling them gently apart. The tip should be moistened with a little cold water to aid insertion.
- Lie on your left side (if you are right handed) and draw your knees up towards your chest, with the right leg drawn up more than the left.
- Using your index finger or middle finger, whichever you find easier, gently push the suppository into the rectum (back passage), making sure the rounded end of the suppository is inserted first.
- The suppository should be inserted as far as possible, pushing the end of the suppository sideways to ensure contact with the wall of the bowel.
- Lower your legs to a comfortable position to help you to hold the suppository in place.

How much to use
Adults, the elderly and children over 16 years
The usual dose is 2-3 suppositories every 4 hours. You should not use more than 12 suppositories in 24 hours.
Children under 16 years
Not recommended for children under 16 years.
Prolonged use of Aspirin Suppositories is not recommended.

If you use more Aspirin Suppositories than you should
If these suppositories are swallowed or if you have exceeded the stated dose of your medicine contact your doctor or pharmacist.

4. Possible Side Effects
Like all medicines Aspirin Suppositories can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. Side effects that may occur include:
- difficulty breathing
- an allergic reaction, the symptoms of which include a skin rash or other skin reactions, a runny nose, or swollen face or lips.
If you usually suffer from asthma you may experience an asthma attack.

If any of these side effects get serious, or if you notice any other side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

5. How to Store Aspirin Suppositories
Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

Do not use Aspirin Suppositories after the expiry date on the carton label. If the expiry date has passed this product is no longer suitable for use.

Do not store above 25°C.
Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures will help to protect the environment.

6. Further Information

What Aspirin Suppositories contain
The active ingredient is Acetylsalicylic acid (Aspirin) 300mg.
The other ingredient is hard fat (suppository base).

What Aspirin Suppositories look like and contents of the pack:
Aspirin Suppositories are smooth, white suppositories supplied in a plastic cavity in strips of 5. Each pack contains 10 suppositories.

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