PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET
Aspirin Tablets BP 75 mg

Please read all of this leaflet carefully before you start using this medicine.

• Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
• If you have any further questions please ask your doctor or pharmacist.
• This medicine has been prescribed for you personally and you should 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 gets serious, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

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1. What Aspirin Tablets 75mg are and what they are used for
• Each tablet contains the active ingredient Aspirin 75 mg.
• Aspirin is an antiplatelet agent, which means that it helps prevent your blood cells sticking together and forming a blood clot. Aspirin Tablets 75mg are principally used to prevent blood clots forming following a heart attack or stroke or to help prevent heart attacks and strokes in patients who have previously suffered from these conditions. They may have been prescribed for you if you have recently had by-pass surgery.

2. Before you take Aspirin Tablets 75mg
Do not take this medicine if you:
• have or have ever had problems with your stomach or small intestine
• are allergic to other salicylates or NSAIDs
• are taking a medicine called methotrexate
• are in your last 3 months of pregnancy; you should be taken orally with a drink of water.

3. How to take Aspirin Tablets 75mg
• If any of the side effects gets serious, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor or pharmacist.

4. Possible side effects
Aspirin Tablets BP 75 mg should not affect your ability to drive and use machines.

Important information about some of the ingredients of Aspirin Tablets:
These tablets contain the colourant sunset yellow (E110). This can cause allergic-type reactions (including asthma). Allergy is more common in those people who are allergic to aspirin.

3. How to take Aspirin Tablets 75mg
Your doctor will have decided the right dose of Aspirin Tablets for you so follow his or her instructions. These tablets are suitable for adults, the elderly and young people over 16 years of age. They should be taken orally with a drink of water.

The usual dose for the long-term management of cardiovascular disease (disease affecting the blood supply to the heart) or cerebrovascular disease (disease affecting the blood supply to the brain) or following by-pass surgery is 1 to 2 tablets, once a day. In some circumstances a higher dose may be appropriate, especially in the short term, and up to 4 tablets daily may be used on the advice of a doctor.

In general, acetylsalicylic acids (such as aspirin) should be used with caution in elderly patients who are more prone to adverse events. Treatment should be reviewed at regular intervals.

Aspirin Tablets BP 75 mg is not intended for children under 16 years of age. There is a risk of Reye’s syndrome when aspirin is taken by children. Reye’s syndrome is a very rare disease that can be fatal.

If you take more Aspirin tablets than you should:
If you (or someone else) accidentally take too many tablets, you should tell your doctor at once or contact immediately the nearest casualty department. Show any left over medicines or the empty packet to the doctor. Symptoms of overdose may include ringing in ears, hearing problems, headache, dizziness, confusion, nausea, vomiting and abdominal pain. A large overdose can lead to more rapid breathing than normal (hyperventilation), fever, excess sweating, restlessness, seizures, hallucinations, low blood sugar, coma and shock.

If you forget to take Aspirin tablets:
If you miss a dose, wait until it is time for your next dose, then go on as normal. Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten tablet.

If you have any further questions on the use of this product, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

4. Possible side effects
Like all medicines, Aspirin tablets can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

If you notice any of the following serious side effects, stop taking Aspirin tablets and contact a doctor immediately:
• Swelling of the lymph glands or pituitary gland have been destroyed or removed, or to treat bleeding like a stroke
• head over the problem of your blood not clotting properly
• are suffering from gout
• have severe liver or kidney problems
• in your last 3 months of pregnancy: you must not use higher than 100mg per day (see section “Pregnancy and breast-feeding”).
• are a medical condition called methotrexate (e.g. for cancer or rheumatoid arthritis) in doses higher than 15mg per week.

Take special care with this medicine
Before you take Aspirin tablets tell your doctor if you:
• have trouble with your kidneys, liver or heart
• have or ever had problems with your stomach or asdic disease
• have high blood pressure
• are asthmatic, have hay fever, nasal polyps or other chronic respiratory diseases
• have had gout
• have heart disease or have had a heart attack
• have ever had gout
• have heavy menstrual periods.

You must immediately seek medical advice, if your symptoms get worse or if you experience severe or unexpected side effects e.g. unusual bleeding symptoms, serious skin reactions or any other sign of serious allergy (see section “Possible side effects”).

Inform your doctor if you are planning to have an operation (leaves minor one, such as tooth extraction) since acetylsalicylic acid is blood-thinning there may be an increased risk of bleeding. Acetylsalicylic acid may cause Reye’s syndrome when given to children. Reye’s syndrome is a very rare disease which affects the brain and liver and can be life threatening. For this reason, Aspirin tablets should not be given to children aged under 16 years, unless on the advice of a doctor.

You should take care not to become dehydrated (you may feel thirsty with a dry mouth) since the use of acetylsalicylic acid at the same time may result in deterioration of kidney function.

This medicinal product is not suitable as a mouthwash (you may feel thirsty with a dry mouth) since the use of acetylsalicylic acid at the same time may result in deterioration of kidney function.

4. Possible side effects
Aspirin tablets should not take acetylsalicylic acid unless advised by their doctor.

Driving and using machines
Aspirin tablets should not affect your ability to drive and use machines.

Common side effects (may occur in 1 to 10 out of 100 patients):
• Indigestion
• Increased tendency for bleeding.

Uncommon side effects (may occur in 1 out of 10,000 patients):
• Nervous system: Headache

Side effects with unknown frequency
• Ringing in your ears (tinnitus) or reduced hearing ability
• Headache
• Vertigo
• Ulcers in stomach or small intestine and problems with bleeding
• Diarrhoea
• Prolonged bleeding time
• Salt and water retention
• Impaired liver function
• High level of uric acid in the blood.

Reporting of side effects
If you get any other side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via the Yellow Card Scheme at: www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard. By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

5. How to store Aspirin Tablets 75mg
• Store in a dry place below 25°C.
• Do not use after the expiry date shown on the package.
• Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

6. Further Information
What Aspirin Tablets 75mg contain
Each tablet contains the active ingredient Aspirin 75 mg. The tablets also contain Lactose, Starch, Sucrose, Orange Oil, Saccharin, Talc and permitted colour (Sunset Yellow, E110).

What Aspirin Tablets 75mg look like and contents of the pack
Each pack contains 28, 50 or 100 round orange tablets with a breakdown on one face. Not all packs are marketed.

Marketing Authorisation Holder:
Intrapharm Laboratories Ltd.,
The Courtyard Barns, Choke Lane,
Cookham Dean, Maidenhead,
Berkshire SL6 6PZ

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Surepharmacy Ltd.,
Bretby Business Park, Bretby,
Burton-on-Trent, Derbyshire. DE15 0YZ

This leaflet does not include all the information about this medicine. If you have any questions or are not sure about anything, ask your doctor or pharmacist. If you have any medicine left over at the end of your treatment, please return this to your pharmacist who will dispose of it safely.

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