Aspirin 300mg tablets

Taking a painkiller for headaches too often or for too long can make them worse.

Check with your doctor or pharmacist before taking Aspirin tablets if you:

- have asthma or allergies
- have heart, liver or kidney problems or gout
- have an overactive thyroid gland
- are dehydrated (you feel thirsty and have a headache, dry mouth and lips)
- have anaemia or suffer from a deficiency of the enzyme glucose-6-phosphate dehydrogenase (G6PD) as this can cause episodes of anaemia after eating certain foods such as fava beans (lentils)
- have sickle cell disease or thalassaemia (SLE) or other connective tissue disease
- are elderly
- have had any disorders affecting blood vessels in the brain
- have received a varicella (chickenpox) vaccination within the last 6 weeks
- are planning to become pregnant
- have heavy bleeding during your periods
- have a history of stomach ulcers
- have chronic respiratory disease
- have hypertension
- taking deferasirox (a medicine to remove excess iron from the body)

Taking other medicines

Please tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking or have recently taken any other medicines, including medicines obtained without a prescription. Especially:

- warfarin, coumarin, heparin, diphenidolamone and diclofenac (used to prevent blood clotting)
- methotrexate or omeprazole (to prevent sickness)
- diuretics (“water tablets”) such as spironolactone, furosemide, acetazolamide (to treat high blood pressure)
- medicines which make your urine more alkaline such as antacids, citrates
- probenecid (to treat gout)
- methotrexate (to treat some cancers, psoriasis and rheumatic disease)
- sulphonylureas (antidiabetics)
- phenytoin or sodium valproate (to treat epilepsy)
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Pregnancy and breast-feeding
Avoid Aspirin tablets during pregnancy especially in the last 3 months of pregnancy or whilst breast-feeding. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking this medicine.

Surgery and tests
If you need to have an operation including having your teeth removed or blood and urine tests, tell your doctor or dentist you are taking this medicine.

3 How to take
Always take Aspirin tablets exactly as your doctor has told you. If you are not sure, check with your doctor or pharmacist. Avoid alcohol whilst taking this medicine.

Swallow the tablets with a glass of water.

Doses:
Adults, including the elderly: 1 or 2 tablets every 3 to 4 hours as required. No more than 12 tablets in any 24 hour period.
Children under 16 years old: Not recommended.
For prevention of blood clots: 1 tablet once a day.

If you take more than you should
If you (or someone else) swallow a lot of tablets at the same time, or you think a child may have swallowed any contact your nearest hospital casualty department or tell your doctor immediately.

Symptoms of an overdose include ringing in the ears, spinning sensation, fast breathing rate, changes in some of the chemicals in the body, heart failure, changes in body temperature resulting in dehydorization, restlessness, fits, hallucination (seeing or hearing things that are not there), headache, hearing problems, confusion, feeling or being sick, stomach pain or coma.

If you forget to take the tablets
Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose. If you forget to take a dose take it as soon as you remember it and then take the next dose at the right time. Do not take more than one dose in any 4 hour period.

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

Stop taking this medicine and contact a doctor immediately if you have any of the following:

- Difficulty breathing
- Severe allergic reactions (blisters on the skin, mucous membranes, shock)
- Severe rash involving peeling, redness, itching or swalloving of the skin that resembles severe burns (Lyell's syndrome) or severe rash, blisters, or red patches on the skin (Stevens-Johnson syndrome)
- Bleeding on the brain (sudden severe headache, fits, changes in vision, speaking, understanding or coordination, weakness in an arm or leg)
- Stomach ulcer or bleeding which can be severe (you may develop bloody or black tarry stools, severe stomach pain and vomit blood), stomach irritation (mild stomach pain, heartburn and feeling being sick) and inflammation of the liver
- Saliylism: if you take large doses for a long time you may develop symptoms of saliykilism (these include: weakness, ringing or buzzing in the ear; deafness, hearing, feeling or being sick, headache and confusion, change in body temperature resulting in dehydorization, restlessness, fits, hallucination (seeing or hearing things that are not there), headache, hearing problems, confusion, feeling or being sick, stomach pain or coma)

Tell your doctor if you notice any of the following side effects or notice any other effects not listed:

Common: may affect up to 1 in 10 people
- Increased in the number of nose bleeds, longer bleeding time or bleeding in the skin, mucous membranes
- Red tender lumps developing under the skin (Stevens-Johnson syndrome)
- Not known: frequency cannot be estimated from the available data

- Gout: high levels of uric acid in the blood - causing crystals to deposit in joints of hands/feet causing pain (Hyperuricemia)
- Nasobloods, bleeding of the gums, which may be prolonged. (Please advise doctor or dentist if surgery is planned)
- Liver problems
- Feeling of dizziness or spinning
- Headache
- Hearing problems, confusion, feeling or being sick, stomach pain or coma.

Rare: may affect up to 1 in 1,000 people
- Anaemia, changes in numbers and types of blood cells and enzymes seen in blood tests
- Difficulty breathing or wheezing, worsening of asthma
- Heavy periods
- Irregular red patches on the skin of the hands and arms (erythema multiforme)
- Disorder characterised by blood spots, bruising and discoloring of skin (purpura)
- Bleeding in the skin, mucous membranes
- Red tender lumps developing under the skin (Stevens-Johnson syndrome)
- Blood spots on the skin, bleeding gums, blood loss, raised blood enzymes levels (as seen in blood test)
- Headache
- Feeling of dizziness or spinning
- Hearing loss, Ringing or buzzing in the ear
- Liver problems
- Reduced kidney function

Additional side effects in children
Aspirin may be associated with the development of a condition called Reye's Syndrome, which causes severe liver and brain damage.

Reporting of side effects
If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet.
Also you can help to make sure that medicines remain as safe as possible by reporting any unwanted side effects via the internet at www.mhra.gov.uk/rard/ Alternatively you can call Freephone 0800 100 3352 (available from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Mondays to Fridays) or fill in a paper form available from your local pharmacy.

5 How to store
Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children. Store the tablets below 25°C in a dry place.
Do not use Aspirin tablets after the expiry date stated on the label/carton/bottle. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month. 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 tablets contain
- The active substance (the ingredient that makes the tablets work) is 300mg aspirin (also known as acetylsalicylic acid).
- The other ingredients are: maize starch, purified talc (E553).
What Aspirin tablets look like and contents of the pack
Aspirin are white, uncoated tablets.
Pack sizes are 28 tablets.
Marketing Authorisation Holder and manufacturer
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