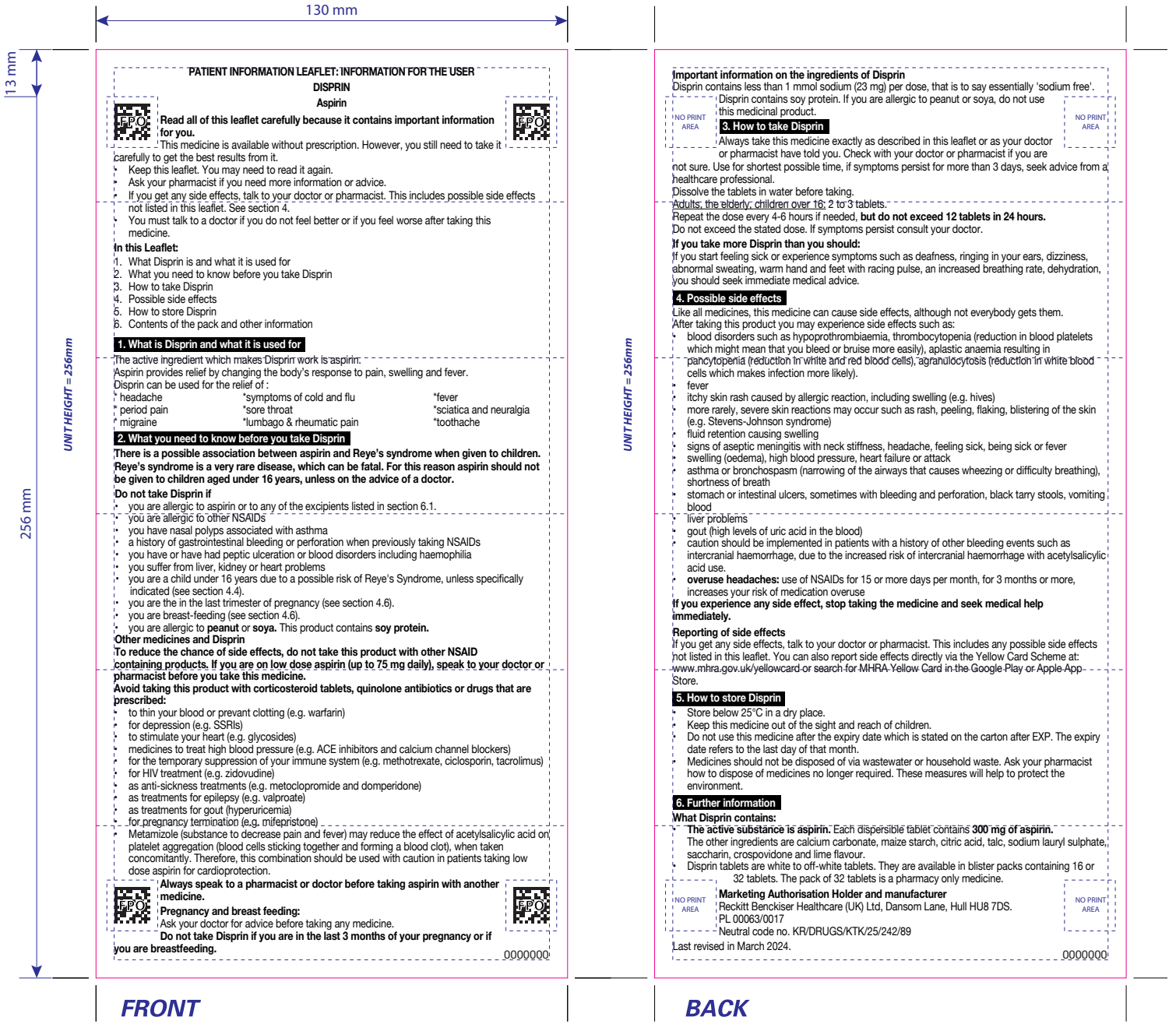

PATIENT INFORMATION LEAFLET: INFORMATION FOR THE USER

DISPRIN

Aspirin

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Read all of this leaflet carefully because it contains important information for you.

This medicine is available without prescription. However, you still need to take it carefully to get the best results from it.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- Ask your pharmacist if you need more information or advice.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.
- You must talk to a doctor if you do not feel better or if you feel worse after taking this medicine.

In this Leaflet:

1. What Disprin is and what it is used for
2. What you need to know before you take Disprin
3. How to take Disprin
4. Possible side effects
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1. What is Disprin and what it is used for

The active ingredient which makes Disprin work is aspirin.
Aspirin provides relief by changing the body's response to pain, swelling and fever.
Disprin can be used for the relief of :

*headache	*symptoms of cold and flu	*fever
*period pain	*sore throat	*sciatica and neuralgia
*migraine	*lumbago & rheumatic pain	*toothache

2. What you need to know before you take Disprin

There is a possible association between aspirin and Reye's syndrome when given to children. Reye's syndrome is a very rare disease, which can be fatal. For this reason aspirin should not be given to children aged under 16 years, unless on the advice of a doctor.

Do not take Disprin if

- you are allergic to aspirin or to any of the excipients listed in section 6.1.
- you are allergic to other NSAIDs
- you have nasal polyps associated with asthma
- a history of gastrointestinal bleeding or perforation when previously taking NSAIDs
- you have or have had peptic ulceration or blood disorders including haemophilia
- you suffer from liver, kidney or heart problems
- you are a child under 16 years due to a possible risk of Reye's Syndrome, unless specifically indicated (see section 4.4).
- you are the in the last trimester of pregnancy (see section 4.6).
- you are breast-feeding (see section 4.6).
- you are allergic to **peanut** or **soya.** This product contains **soy protein.**

Other medicines and Disprin

To reduce the chance of side effects, do not take this product with other NSAID containing products. If you are on low dose aspirin (up to 75 mg daily), speak to your doctor or pharmacist before you take this medicine.

Avoid taking this product with corticosteroid tablets, quinolone antibiotics or drugs that are prescribed:

- to thin your blood or prevant clotting (e.g. warfarin)
- for depression (e.g. SSRIs)
- to stimulate your heart (e.g. glycosides)
- medicines to treat high blood pressure (e.g. ACE inhibitors and calcium channel blockers)
- for the temporary suppression of your immune system (e.g. methotrexate, ciclosporin, tacrolimus)
- for HIV treatment (e.g. zidovudine)
- as anti-sickness treatments (e.g. metoclopromide and domperidone)
- as treatments for epilepsy (e.g. valproate)
- as treatments for gout (hyperuricemia)
- for pregnancy termination (e.g. mifepristone)
- Metamizole (substance to decrease pain and fever) may reduce the effect of acetylsalicylic acid on platelet aggregation (blood cells sticking together and forming a blood clot), when taken concomitantly. Therefore, this combination should be used with caution in patients taking low dose aspirin for cardioprotection.

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Always speak to a pharmacist or doctor before taking aspirin with another medicine.

Pregnancy and breast feeding:

Ask your doctor for advice before taking any medicine.

Do not take Disprin if you are in the last 3 months of your pregnancy or if you are breastfeeding.

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Important information on the ingredients of Disprin

Disprin contains less than 1 mmol sodium (23 mg) per dose, that is to say essentially 'sodium free'.

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Disprin contains soy protein. If you are allergic to peanut or soya, do not use this medicinal product.

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3. How to take Disprin

Always take this medicine exactly as described in this leaflet or as your doctor or pharmacist have told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure. Use for shortest possible time, if symptoms persist for more than 3 days, seek advice from a healthcare professional.

Dissolve the tablets in water before taking.

Adults, the elderly, children over 16: 2 to 3 tablets.

Repeat the dose every 4-6 hours if needed, **but do not exceed 12 tablets in 24 hours.**

Do not exceed the stated dose. If symptoms persist consult your doctor.

If you take more Disprin than you should:

If you start feeling sick or experience symptoms such as deafness, ringing in your ears, dizziness, abnormal sweating, warm hand and feet with racing pulse, an increased breathing rate, dehydration, you should seek immediate medical advice.

4. Possible side effects

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

After taking this product you may experience side effects such as:

- blood disorders such as hypoprothrombiaemia, thrombocytopenia (reduction in blood platelets which might mean that you bleed or bruise more easily), aplastic anaemia resulting in pancytopenia (reduction in white and red blood cells), agranulocytosis (reduction in white blood cells which makes infection more likely).
- fever
- itchy skin rash caused by allergic reaction, including swelling (e.g. hives)
- more rarely, severe skin reactions may occur such as rash, peeling, flaking, blistering of the skin (e.g. Stevens-Johnson syndrome)
- fluid retention causing swelling
- signs of aseptic meningitis with neck stiffness, headache, feeling sick, being sick or fever
- swelling (oedema), high blood pressure, heart failure or attack
- asthma or bronchospasm (narrowing of the airways that causes wheezing or difficulty breathing), shortness of breath
- stomach or intestinal ulcers, sometimes with bleeding and perforation, black tarry stools, vomiting blood
- liver problems
- gout (high levels of uric acid in the blood)
- caution should be implemented in patients with a history of other bleeding events such as intercranial haemorrhage, due to the increased risk of intercranial haemorrhage with acetylsalicylic acid use.
- **overuse headaches:** use of NSAIDs for 15 or more days per month, for 3 months or more, increases your risk of medication overuse

If you experience any side effect, stop taking the medicine and seek medical help immediately.

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. You can also report side effects directly via the Yellow Card Scheme at: www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard or search for MHRA Yellow Card in the Google Play or Apple App Store.

5. How to store Disprin

- Store below 25°C in a dry place.
- Keep this medicine out of the sight and reach of children.
- Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the carton after EXP. 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 Disprin contains:

- **The active substance is aspirin.** Each dispersible tablet contains **300 mg of aspirin.**
  The other ingredients are calcium carbonate, maize starch, citric acid, talc, sodium lauryl sulphate, saccharin, crospovidone and lime flavour.
- Disprin tablets are white to off-white tablets. They are available in blister packs containing 16 or 32 tablets. The pack of 32 tablets is a pharmacy only medicine.

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