



General Authority for Health Services for the Emirate of Abu Dhabi

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Department of Pharmacy

Generic Name: **Aspirin**



Why is this medication used?

- It is used to treat mild to moderate pain, pyrexia, inflammation.
- It has anti platelet activity to prevent heart attacks, transient ischemic attacks, strokes and angina in certain individuals.



How should this medication be used?

- You should follow the directions given to you by your doctor or pharmacist. Do not make any changes in the way you take your medication unless recommended by your doctor or pharmacist.
- It has to be taken after food, with milk or antacid to lessen stomach upset



What special precautions should I follow?

- You should let your doctor know if you have ever experienced an allergic reaction to aspirin or NSAIDs.
- Inform your doctor what prescription and non-prescription medications you are taking. Certain medications may interfere with effectiveness of Aspirin like (warfarin, NSAIDs, antiplatelets).
- Inform your doctor if you are having asthma, allergic disease, peptic ulcer, impaired renal or hepatic function, and G6PD deficiency.
- Talk with your doctor before using aspirin if you are pregnant or breast feeding.
- You should Store this medication at room temperature, away from heat, moisture, and direct light.
Keep all medications away from children.



What special dietary instructions should I follow?

- Avoid taking aspirin with fresh fruits containing vitamin C as it increases urinary excretion of aspirin.



What should I do if I forget to take a dose?

- Use the missed dose as soon as you remember, if it is almost time for your next dose, wait until then to use your medicine and skip the missed dose.
- You should not use two doses at the same time.



What side effects can this medication cause?

Notify your physician if you experience any of the following:

Nausea, heart burn, insomnia, skin reaction, bronchospasm and signs of bleeding.