

Your medications: Aspirin

Aspirin is used to...

- treat pain.
- treat fever.
- treat joint or bone inflammation.
- decrease risk of heart attack, stroke and cancer.

It works by blocking a chemical that causes pain, swelling, and blood clots.

Cautions:

- Ask your doctor if aspirin is right for you, especially if you have had gastritis, stomach ulcer, any bleeding problems, asthma or nasal polyps.
- Take it with food.
- Tell health providers and dentist every medicine you take, including vitamin, supplements, herbs, and over-the-counter medicines.
- Take it as directed.
- Take it late if less than ½ the time until the next dose has not gone by. Don't double up to catch up, that may cause problems.

Report side effects or other health problems to your doctor!

Common side effects include...

- bruising
- hearing loss
- nausea
- ringing in ears
- dyspepsia (upset stomach)
- increased bleeding
- rash
- stomach irritation

Serious side effects include...

- angioedema
- asthma
- Reye's syndrome
- anaphylaxis
- gastric bleeding
- thrombocytopenia

Other medicines that interact with aspirin include...

- ACE inhibitors
- anticoagulants
- corticosteroids
- nizatidine
- oral diabetes meds
- sulfinpyrazone
- alcohol
- horse chestnut
- red clover
- ammonium chloride
- beta blockers
- methotrexate
- NSAIDs
- probenecid
- valproic acid
- caffeine
- kelpware