ASPIRIN


Action:
1. Inhibits prostaglandin synthesis
2. Irreversibly inactivates the enzyme cyclooxygenase in circulating platelets

Indications: Aspirin administration should be considered for any complaint of suspected cardiac origin regardless of chest pain.

Contraindications:
1. Anaphylaxis to aspirin or other salicylates
2. Patients who have a known hypersensitivity/prior allergic reaction to Aspirin, Ibuprofen, Naproxen, or other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs.

Adverse Effects:
- **Respiratory**
  - Bronchospasm
  - Asthma like symptoms
- **Gastrointestinal**
  - Nausea/vomiting
  - Gastric upset
  - GI bleeding
  - Potentiation of peptic ulcer
- **Other**
  - Skin rash
  - Anaphylaxis
  - Prolonged bleeding

Administration: **ADULT DOSE**
162 mg of non-enteric coated tablets chewed and swallowed

Notes:
- The patient should be advised to chew the tablets prior to swallowing.
- Aspirin may increase the risk of bleeding especially when combined with anticoagulants and thrombolytic therapy.