

WINSPIRIN Acetylsalicylic Acid Dispersible Tablet 150mg

Aspirin (150mg)

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What WINSPIRIN is used for

WINSPIRIN is used in the initial treatment of cardiovascular disorders such as angina pectoris (temporary chest pain) and myocardial infarction (heart attack) and for the prevention of cardiovascular events in patients at risk. Other such uses include the treatment and prevention of cerebrovascular disorders such as stroke.

How WINSPIRIN works

Acetylsalicylic acid belongs to the group of acidic nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs with analgesic, antipyretic and anti-inflammatory properties. Its mechanism of action is based on irreversible inhibition of cyclo-oxygenase enzymes involved in prostaglandin synthesis.

Before you use WINSPIRIN

- When you must not use it

- Not to be given to children under 16 years of age.

Do not use:

- If you are allergic to Acetylsalicylic acid or any of its formulation.
- If you are treated with Nonsteroidal Antiinflammatory Drugs (NSAID).
- If you have the syndrome of asthma, rhinitis (irritation and inflammation of the mucous membrane inside the nose), and nasal polyps.
- If you ever had the problem of your blood not clotting properly.
- If you ever had an ulcer in your stomach or small intestine.

-Before you start to use it
Pregnancy and lactation

- Talk to your doctor before taking this medicine if you are pregnant, might become pregnant or are breastfeeding.
- Should only be taken if clearly needed.
- Use during the third trimester of pregnancy should be avoided.
- Avoid usage in nursing mother. Salicylate is excreted in breast milk.

-Taking other medicines

Inform your doctor or pharmacist before taking this medicine, including any that you get without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

Some medicines and WINSPIRIN may interfere with each other. They may be affected by WINSPIRIN or may affect how well it works.

WINSPIRIN may interact with:

- Anticoagulant therapy (Heparin and Warfarin)-prevent blood clots.
- Acetazolamide-prevent and reduce symptoms of altitude.
- Angiotensin Converting Enzyme (ACE) Inhibitors-lower blood pressure
- Beta Blockers-help hearts beat more slowly.
- Anticonvulsants-reduce severity and frequency of seizures.
- Methotrexate-to treat cancer
- Diuretics-increase production of urine
- Uricosuric Agents (Probenecid and Sulfinpyrazone)-increase excretion of uric acid in urine.
- Oral Hypoglycemics-treatment of type 2 diabetes
- Non-steroidal Anti-inflammatory Drugs (NSAIDs)-reduce inflammation and relieve fever and pain.

How to use WINSPIRIN

-How much to use

Always use WINSPIRIN exactly as your doctor has prescribed. You should check with your doctor or pharmacist if in doubt.

-The usual dose:

Adults:
150mg to be taken daily.

Use in children under 16 years old is not recommended.

Elderly:

In general, aspirin should be used with caution in elderly patients who are more prone to adverse events. The usual adult dose is recommended in the absence of severe renal or hepatic insufficiency. Treatment should be reviewed at regular intervals.

-When to use it

Use as directed by your doctor or pharmacist. Tablet can be dispersed in water immediately before use or swallowed whole.

Gastric irritation may be reduced by taking doses after food.

-How long to use it

Continue taking WINSPIRIN as your doctor recommended.

-If you forget to use it

Consult your doctor or pharmacist on what you should do if you forget to use it.

Take the missed dose as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for your next dose, wait until then to take the medicine and skip the missed dose. Do not take a double dose to make up for the missed dose.

-If you use too much (overdose)

Contact your doctor immediately or go to the Emergency Department of your nearest hospital, if you think you or anyone else may have taken too much of this medicine. Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning. You may need urgent medical attention.

Taking large doses of WINSPIRIN may cause:

- Severe acid-base and electrolyte disturbances may occur and are complicated by hyperthermia (body temperature higher than normal) and dehydration.
- Increased respiration

While you are using WINSPIRIN

-Things you must do

- Tell all the doctors, dentists and pharmacists treating you that you are taking WINSPIRIN.

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- Tell your doctor immediately if you become pregnant while taking this medication.

- Things you must not do

- Do not take more than the recommended dose unless your pharmacist or doctor tells you.
- Do not take any new medicines without consulting your doctor.
- Do not give WINSPIRIN to anyone else, even if they have the same symptoms or condition as you.

- Things to be careful of

- Be careful driving or operating machinery until you know how WINSPIRIN affects you.
- Avoid food/beverages containing alcohol.

Side effects

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

If symptoms persist, do not take the medicine and refer to the doctor.

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

- **Central Nervous System:** Agitation, cerebral edema (accumulation of fluid in the brain), coma, confusion, dizziness, headache, subdural or intracranial hemorrhage (bleeding surround the brain and within the skull), lethargy (lack of energy), seizures.
- **Cardiovascular:** Dysrhythmias (abnormal heart beat), hypotension (low blood pressure), tachycardia (abnormally rapid heart rate).
- **Fluid and Electrolyte:** Dehydration, hyperkalemia (high level of potassium in the blood), metabolic acidosis (chemical imbalance of acid and bases in blood), respiratory alkalosis (increased respiration).
- **Gastrointestinal:** Dyspepsia (upset stomach), Gastrointestinal bleeding, ulceration and perforation, nausea, vomiting, hepatitis, Reye's syndrome (swelling in the liver and brain), pancreatitis (inflammation in the pancreas).

- **Respiratory:** Hyperpnea (increased depth and rate of breathing), pulmonary edema (excess fluid in the lung), tachypnea (abnormally rapid breathing).

- **Urogenital:** kidney disorder.

- **Hematologic:** blood disorder.

- **Hypersensitivity:** Acute anaphylaxis (allergic reaction), angioedema (severe swelling beneath the skin), asthma, bronchospasm (sudden constriction of the muscles in the wall of the bronchioles), laryngeal edema (frequent complication of intubation), urticarial (hives).

- **Musculoskeletal:** Rhabdomyolysis (break down of muscle tissue).

- **Metabolism:** Hypoglycemia in children (low blood glucose), hyperglycemia (high blood glucose).

- **Reproductive:** Prolonged pregnancy and labor, stillbirths, lower birth weight infants, bleeding.

- **Special Senses:** Hearing loss, tinnitus (ringing in the ears).

You may report any side effects or adverse drug reactions directly to the National Centre for Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring by visiting the website npra.gov.my [Consumers -> Reporting Side Effects to Medicines (ConSERF) or Vaccines (AEFI)]

Storage and disposal of WINSPIRIN

-Storage

Store below 30°C. Protect from light and moisture.

Keep medicine out of reach of children.

-Disposal

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.

Product description

-What it looks like

White, circular, biconvex, uncoated dispersible tablets with top scored. Dispersible tablets gives a cloudy liquid after dispersion in water.

-Ingredients

-Active ingredient

Aspirin 150mg

-Inactive ingredients

Corn Starch, Pregelatinised Starch, Colloidal Silicone Dioxide and Sodium Starch Glycolate.

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