

## ASPIRIN® 300 BAYER HEALTHCARE AG

*Active ingredient: acetylsalicylic acid*

### Composition

1 tablet contains:

Active ingredient: 300 mg acetylsalicylic acid

Essential inactive ingredients: none

### Indications

Milk to moderate pain, e.g. headache, toothache, dysmenorrhoea, inflammations; fever, including fever associated with cold.

*Note:* aspirin 300 must not be used for long periods or at high doses without consulting a doctor.

Owing to the possibility of Reye's syndrome, aspirin 300 should only be used in children and adolescents with febrile diseases on the advice of a doctor, and then only if other measures have proved ineffective.

### Contraindications

Aspirin 300 must not be taken by patients with gastric or duodenal ulcers or with a pathologically increased haemorrhagic tendency. A doctor must be consulted before aspirin 300 is taken by patients undergoing concomitant treatment with anticoagulants (e.g. coumarin derivatives or heparin), by patients with glucose 6 phosphate dehydrogenase deficiency, asthmatic patients or ones hypersensitive to salicylates, other anti-inflammatory/antirheumatic drugs, or other allergenic substances, patients with chronic or recurrent gastric or duodenal complaints or with impaired renal function, or by pregnant women, especially during the last trimester.

*Notes:* patients who suffer from asthma, hay fever, swelling of the nasal mucosa (nasal polyps) or chronic respiratory tract infections (especially when combined with hay fever like symptoms) and patients known to be hypersensitive to analgesics and antirheumatics of any kind are at risk from asthma attacks when using Aspirin 300 (analgesic intolerance/analgesic asthma). These patients must consult their doctor before taking the product. The same applies to patients who react hypersensitively (allergically) to other substances, e.g. with skin reactions, itching or urticaria.

If pregnancy is confirmed during long-term use of aspirin 300, a doctor must be consulted.

In the event of regular use of high doses during breastfeeding the possibility of early weaning must be considered. In children and adolescents with febrile diseases aspirin 300 should be used only on the advice of a doctor, and then only if other measures have proved ineffective.

Persistent vomiting in these diseases can be a sign of Reye's syndrome, a very rare but often life-threatening disease which must receive immediate medical treatment.

### The following side effects are known to occur:

Stomach pains, gastrointestinal bleeding; in rare case hypersensitivity reactions (attacks of dyspnoea, skin reactions); in very rare cases reduction in the platelet count (thrombocytopenia).

*Note:* in rare cases severe gastric haemorrhages can occur during frequent and long-term use. The doctor must be informed immediately if the patient is passing black stools (tarry stools). In exceptional cases anaemia can develop after long-term use of aspirin 300 as a result of occult gastrointestinal blood losses. Dizziness and tinnitus can appear as symptoms of overdosage, especially in children and in elderly patients. In such an event the doctor must be informed. The liver enzyme values (transaminases) can increase if the recommended dosage is exceeded.

### Interactions with other drugs

- The action of anticoagulants (e.g. coumarin derivatives and heparin)
- The risk of gastrointestinal haemorrhage on simultaneous treatment with corticosteroids.
- The desirable and undesirable effects of all non-steroidal antirheumatics
- The action of hypoglycaemic drugs (sulfonylureas)
- The adverse effects of methotrexate.

The effects of spironolactone, furosemide, and uricosuric antipodagrics are reduced.

Aspirin 300 therefore must not be used concomitantly with any of the above-mentioned drugs without express instructions from a doctor.

### Dosage

Unless otherwise prescribed

	<b>Adults</b>
Unit dose	2-3 tablets
Daily dose:	up to 10 tablets
	<b>Children aged 3-5</b>
Unit dose	½ tablet
Daily dose:	up to ½ tablet
	<b>Children over 5</b>
Unit dose	1 tablet
Daily dose:	up to 1 tablet

### Administration

The tablet should be dissolved in water and taken preferably after meals. It is recommended to wash the medication down with about half a glass of water.

Note: aspirin 300 must not be used after the expiry date stated on the pack.

### Presentation and pack sizes

Box of 30 tablets