

**ORANGE COUNTY EMS
PARAMEDIC PHARMACOLOGY HANDBOOK**

MEDICATION: ASPIRIN	ADULT DOSE	PEDIATRIC DOSE	SIDE EFFECTS	PRECAUTIONS/COMMENTS
<p>CLASSIFICATION: Platelet inhibitor; analgesic</p> <p>MECHANISM OF ACTION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Inhibits platelet aggregation. Common analgesic. <p>INDICATIONS (PREHOSPITAL):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chest pain of suspected cardiac origin. <p>CONTRAINDICATIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Known aspirin allergy. History of bleeding disorder or recent GI bleeding (including ulcers). History of asthma and nasal polyps. History unreliable or unobtainable <p>CAUTIONS:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not administer aspirin if: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Suspected dissecting aorta Patient is taking anticoagulants or antiplatelet medications <p>DOSAGE FORM:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 81 mg chewable tablets. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial dose: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 4 tablets (81 mg each) orally, chewed. Subsequent doses: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> none. 	<p align="center">Not Applicable.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Gastric irritation. Bleeding. Bruising. Allergic reactions. Can precipitate severe asthma attacks. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Do not administer aspirin if dissecting aorta suspected (chest pain radiating to or originating in the upper to mid back). Do not administer aspirin if person is on coumadin, low dose heparin, (Lovenox), Plavix or Effient or is reported to be taking "blood thinners".

