



Yolo County Emergency Medical Services Agency

Quick Reference

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Medication Profile

Aspirin

Class:

Platelet Aggregator Inhibitor
Non-opioid analgesic

Action:

Aspirin blocks the formation of the substance thromboxane A_2 , which causes platelets to aggregate and arteries to constrict.

Onset: 5-30 minutes

Peak: 1-3 hours

Duration: 3-6 hours

Indications:

Chest pain/discomfort suggestive of acute myocardial infarction

Contraindications:

Severe hypersensitivity (anaphylaxis)

Side Effects:

GI: bleeding, nausea, vomiting

Notes:

- Aspirin should be given to all patients with suspected Acute Coronary Syndrome even if they have already taken their own.

This document is not a substitute for Protocols and Procedures.

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