

VERY IMPORTANT INFORMATION – PLEASE READ CAREFULLY!

MEDICATIONS TO AVOID

Patients anticipating surgery must stop taking all sources of aspirin and/or nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory medications (such as those used for arthritis or joint pain) for two weeks prior to surgery. These medications can cause profound bleeding problems. If you are currently taking any prescribed medications, please your doctor. Following surgery, you must refrain from taking these medicines for an additional two to four weeks.

Please check the labels of any medications you take (even those available without a prescription) to see if they contain aspirin or nonsteroidal drugs. **If in doubt, ASK!**

ADVIL	CORICIDIN	MOTRIN
ALEVE	COUMADIN	NALFON
ALKA SELTZER	DARVON COMPOUND	NAPROSYN
ANACIN	DARVON WITH ASA	NORGESIC
ANAPROX	DARVON-TRAN	NUPRIN
APC	DRISTAN	NYQUIL
ARTHRITIS PAIN FORMULA	DURAGESIC	PERCODAN
ARTHRITIS STRENGTH	ECOTRIN	PERSANTIN
ASA	EMPIRIN	PHENAPHEN
ASCODEEN	EMPRAZIL	RELAFEN
ASCRIPITIN	EQUAGESIC	ROBAXISOL
ASPERGUM	EXCEDRIN	RUFEN
ASPIRIN	EXTRA STRENGTH ANACIN	SINE-AID
B.C.	FIORINAL	SINE-OFF
BAYER ASPIRIN	FOUR-WAY COLD TABLETS	ST. JOHN'S WORT
BAYER TIMED RELEASE	GARLIC SUPPLEMENTS	STANBACK
BUFFERIN	GOODY'S	SYNALGOS
CEPHALGESIC	IBUPROFEN	TELETIN
CHERACOL CAPS	INDOCIN	TRIGESIC
CHILDREN'S ASPIRIN	INDOMETHACIN	VANQUISH
CONGESPRIN	MEASURIN	ZACTRIN
COPE	MIDOL	ZOMAX

If you must take something for headache, menstrual cramps, or other aches and pains, you may take EXTRA STRENGTH TYLENOL (as directed) for the two weeks prior to and post surgery. We also recommend you omit the use of Vitamin E and B (unless it's combined in a multi-vitamin tablet). Please tell us of any homeopathic (natural medicines) such as GNC products you are taking since Vitamin E or a derivative could be in these products.

Your cooperation can help us avoid bleeding complications with your anticipated surgery.