1.0 Classification
   • Analgesic
   • Antipyretic
   • Platelet inhibitor
   • Anti-inflammatory

2.0 Mechanism of Action
   • Inhibits platelet aggregation as well as the agents that produce inflammation, pain and fever

3.0 Indications
   • Chest pain of a possible ischemic origin
   • Acute myocardial infarction
   • Unstable angina

4.0 Contraindications
   • Gastrointestinal bleeding
   • Known hypersensitivity to ASA
   • Asthmatics sensitive to ASA

5.0 Precautions
   • Allergies to other NSAIDs
   • Children or teenagers with varicella or influenza-like symptoms
   • Patients with platelet disorders (e.g. blood dyscrasias)

6.0 Route
   • May be given PO

7.0 Dosage
   Adult
   • 160 mg (two tablets) PO (chewed)

8.0 Supplied
   • 80 mg chewable tablets

9.0 May Be Given By
   • PCP/ICP/ACP/CCP

10.0 Adverse effects
    • Epigastric pain
    • Nausea/vomiting
    • Gastrointestinal bleeding
    • Urticaria
11.0 Special notes

- Giving ASA to children or teenagers with a viral illness can cause Reye’s Syndrome
- Pregnancy category D [potential benefits may warrant use of the drug in pregnant women despite
  potential risks (e.g. if it is required in a life-threatening situation)]

12.0 References

- Chest Pain Clinical Practice Guideline
- Compendium of Pharmaceuticals and Specialties (CPS)

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