

Acetylsalicylic acid

Essential medicine status

General description

Acetylsalicylic acid is used for the management of mild to moderate pain such as headache, acute migraine, transient musculoskeletal pain, dysmenorrhoea and for reducing fever. It is also used for its antiplatelet properties.

ATC codes

[N02BA01](#) [B01AC06](#)

Medicine type

Chemical agent

EML status history

First added in 1977 ([TRS 615](#)) for [Pain](#)

Added in 1987 ([TRS 770](#)) for [Migraine](#)

Added in 1989 ([TRS 796](#)) for [Acute myocardial infarction](#)

Added in 1989 ([TRS 796](#)) for [Cerebral ischaemic stroke](#)

Added in 2007 ([TRS 950](#)) for [Acute rheumatic fever without mention of heart involvement](#)

Added in 2007 ([TRS 950](#)) for [Juvenile idiopathic arthritis](#)

Added in 2007 ([TRS 950](#)) for [Mucocutaneous lymph node syndrome](#)

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Recommendations

Section

Non-opioids and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medicines (NSAIDs)

- Oral > Solid: 100 to 500 mg
- Local > Rectal > Suppository: 50 to 150 mg

Indications

[Pain](#)

Section

Medicines for acute migraine attacks

- Oral > Solid: 300 to 500 mg

Indications

[Migraine](#)

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Anti-platelet medicines

- Oral > Solid: 100 mg

Indications

[Acute myocardial infarction](#) [Cerebral ischaemic stroke](#)

Section

Medicines for juvenile joint diseases

- Local > Rectal > Suppository: 150 mg; 300 mg
- Oral > Solid > dispersible tablet: 75 mg; 300 mg; 500 mg
- Oral > Solid > tablet: 75 to 500 mg

Indications

[Acute rheumatic fever without mention of heart involvement](#) [Juvenile idiopathic arthritis](#) [Mucocutaneous lymph node syndrome](#)