

## **MEDICATION SHEET**

SCOPE: BLS, ALS, CCT,	
MEDICATION:	ASPIRIN (Ecotrin)
INTERVENTION:	Classification: Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drug (NSAID)
	Actions: Inhibits platelet aggregation; has antipyretic, analgesic, and anti-inflammatory properties
	Contraindications:  • Hypersensitivity to Aspirin
	<ul> <li>Precautions:</li> <li>Patients with sensitivity to tartrazine dyes, nasal polyps, and asthma may have an increased risk of salicylate sensitivity</li> <li>Patients with bleeding disorders</li> <li>GI disease: ulcers, erosive gastritis, etc</li> <li>Heavy ethanol use</li> </ul>
	Dosage:  I. Chest pain, ACS, STEMI/NSTEMI:  a. Adult:  i. PO: 162 to 325 mg chewed
	Onset of Action: Within 1 hr, 20 minutes if chewed
	<u>Duration</u> : 4-6 hrs, however, platelet inhibition is for the life of the platelet ~10 days
	Adverse Effects: Bleeding, rhinosinusitis, bronchospasm, urticarial, GI ulceration
	Special Considerations:
	I. Ensure that the Aspirin is not coated or extended release (Aspirin EC)

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