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Aspirin Compounds

All patients anticipating surgery must stop the use of aspirin as well as aspirin-containing and anti-inflammatory compounds 7–14 days prior to surgery. These drugs interfere with normal platelet function and can lead to bleeding problems even in normal individuals during surgery. You may take acetaminophen (Tylenol) as needed prior to surgery. If you need another medicine for pain control prior to surgery, notify your doctor.

You must avoid diet pills (especially Redux) prior to surgery. You should also stop taking “St. John’s Wart” and high dose garlic at least one week prior to surgery.

The following list contains a few of the most common aspirin-containing or aspirin-like products to be avoided:

Advil	Ketorolac
Alka Seltzer	Lodine
Alleve	Midol
Anacin	Mobic
Anaprox	Motrin
Arthrotec	Naprosyn
Ascriptin	Naproxen
Aspirin	Norgesic
Bayer	Novasen
BC Powder	Nuprin
Bextra	Orudis
Bufferin	Oruvil
Darvon	Pediprofen
Compound	Percodan
Daypro	Piroxicam
Diclofenac	Redux
Ecotrin	Relafen
Empirin	Soma Compound
Etodolac	Sulindac
Excedrin	Synalgos DC
Excedrin Migraine	Toradol
Feldene	Vicoprofen
Fiorinal	Voltaren
Goody’s Headache Powder	
Ibuprofen	
Indocin	
Ketoprofen	