

**PACKAGE LEAFLET: INFORMATION FOR THE USER**  
**Disprin Extra Strength 500mg Effervescent Tablets**  
**ASPIRIN (acetylsalicylic acid)**

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine because it contains important information for you. Always take this medicine exactly as described in this leaflet or as your doctor or pharmacist have told you.

- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- Ask your pharmacist if you need more information or advice. If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.
- You must talk to a doctor if you do not feel better or if you feel worse after 24 hours.

**What is in this leaflet**

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**1. WHAT DISPRIN EXTRA STRENGTH IS AND WHAT IT IS USED FOR**

The ingredient that makes Disprin Extra Strength work (the active ingredient) is Aspirin. Aspirin belongs to a group of medicines known as non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs). It works to relieve pain and inflammation. Disprin Extra Strength can be used to

- relieve mild to moderate pain (such as headache, toothache and nerve pain)

- reduce temperature and inflammation, such as lower back pain.

**2. WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW BEFORE YOU TAKE DISPRIN EXTRA STRENGTH**

**Do not take Disprin Extra Strength if you**

- are allergic to or have ever had an allergic reaction to aspirin or to other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs or to any of the other ingredients (see section 6). Allergic reactions may include wheeziness, runny nose, itchy skin rash
- have or have ever had a **stomach ulcer, perforation or bleeding**
- have or have ever had a **bleeding disorder**

- have severe **liver or kidney problems**
- are in the **last 3 months of pregnancy** or are **breast-feeding**
- are **under 16 years** of age have or have ever had **severe heart failure**

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**WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS**

**Consult your doctor or pharmacist before taking if you**

- suffer from **asthma**
- suffer from **liver or kidney problems**
- suffer from or have a previous history of **bronchial asthma or allergic disease**
- have a history of **inflammatory bowel disease** (e.g. ulcerative colitis or Crohn's disease)
- have a history of **peptic ulcers, gastro-oesophageal reflux disease (GORD)**
- are in the **first 6 months of pregnancy**
- are **elderly**. Elderly people are more likely to experience unwanted effects with NSAIDs, particularly stomach bleeding and perforation which can be fatal.
- have **systemic lupus erythematosus or mixed connective tissue disease** as there is an increased risk of aseptic meningitis
- are taking medication for or have a history of **hypertension and/or heart failure**
- have **gout**
- have a **surgical procedure scheduled** as treatment should

generally be stopped several days before surgery due to increased bleeding time

- are having **thyroid function tests**
  - are taking other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory (NSAID) drugs
- Medicines such as Disprin Extra Strength may be associated with a small increased **risk of heart attack** (myocardial infarction) or **stroke**. Any risk is more likely with high doses and prolonged treatment. Do not exceed the recommended dose or duration of treatment.

If you have heart problems, previous stroke or think that you might be at risk of these conditions (e.g. if you have high blood pressure, diabetes, high cholesterol or are a smoker), you should discuss your treatment with your doctor or pharmacist.

This product belongs to a group of medicines which may impair fertility in women. This effect is reversible on stopping the medicine. Stop taking this medicine and contact your doctor if you experience bleeding from the bowel or perforation of the bowel or ulceration associated with the use of NSAIDs.

**Other medicines and Disprin Extra Strength**

Please tell your doctor or pharmacist before taking Disprin Extra Strength if you are taking or have recently taken any other medicines including non-prescription medicines;

- to thin the blood/prevent clots e.g. warfarin or heparin
- to prevent organ-transplant rejection e.g. cyclosporin; tacrolimus
- for high blood pressure e.g. diuretics ("water tablets") and ACE-inhibitors
- for pain and inflammation e.g. other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medicines such as ibuprofen, or steroids
- for gout e.g. probenecid or uricosurics
- for cancer or rheumatoid arthritis e.g. methotrexate
- to treat depression e.g. Selective Serotonin Re-uptake Inhibitors (SSRIs)
- to treat mood disorders e.g. lithium
- containing corticosteroids
- oral hypoglycaemic agents (oral medicines to treat diabetes)
- for heart failure e.g. cardiac glycosides
- containing aminoglycosides (a type of antibiotic)
- to treat epilepsy e.g. sodium valproate
- anti-platelet agents
- calcium channel blockers
- varicella vaccine
- certain HIV drugs containing zidovudine
- drugs to treat nausea & vomiting containing metoclopramide & domperidone
- quinolone antibiotics
- Carbonic anhydrase inhibitors e.g. Acetazolamide
- that may interfere with some laboratory tests to measure urine glucose
- Metamizole (substance to decrease pain and fever) may reduce the effect of acetylsalicylic acid on platelet aggregation (blood cells sticking together and forming a blood clot), when taken concomitantly. Therefore, this combination should be used with caution in patients taking low dose aspirin for cardioprotection.
- that are not a Disprin Product and contains aspirin

**Pregnancy, breast-feeding and fertility**

Do not use in the last 3 months of pregnancy and should be avoided during the first and second trimesters. Do not use **3150460**

during breast-feeding. Check with your doctor before using if you are in the first 6 months of pregnancy.

This product belongs to a group of medicines which may impair fertility in women but this is reversible on stopping the medicine.

**Important information about Disprin Extra Strength**

There is a possible link between aspirin and Reye's syndrome when given to children. Reye's syndrome is a very rare disease, which affects the brain and liver and can be fatal. For this reason, aspirin should not be given to children and adolescents under 16 years, unless on the advice of a doctor.

This medicine contains less than 1 mmol sodium (23 mg) per dose, that is to say essentially 'sodium-free'.

**Disprin Extra Strength contains soy protein.** Disprin Extra Strength contains soy protein. If you are allergic to peanut or soya, do not use this medicinal product.

**3. HOW TO TAKE DISPRIN EXTRA STRENGTH**

Always take this medicine exactly as described in this leaflet or as your doctor, or pharmacist have told you. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

For oral use.

Oral administration after dissolution in water.

**Adults and children 16 years and over:** One tablet. This dose may be repeated every 3-4 hours, if needed. **Do not take more than 8 tablets in 24 hours.**

**Elderly:** Use with care as elderly patients are more prone to side effects.

**Liver problems:** Patients with liver problems should seek the advice of a doctor before taking this product.

**Kidney problems:** Patients with kidney problems should seek the advice of a doctor before taking this product.

**Do not give to children under 16 years, unless advised by a doctor.**

Prolonged use except on medical advice can be harmful. **If there is no improvement after 24 hours, consult a doctor or pharmacist.**

**If you take more than you should**

Contact a doctor at once. Symptoms are feeling sick or being sick, ringing in the ears, fever, fast breathing, dizziness, abdominal pain, vomiting blood or particles which look like coffee grounds, confusion, disorientation, fits, coma.

**If you forget to take**

Just carry on with the next dose as normal. Do not take a double dose to make up for a missed dose.

**4. POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS**

Like all medicines, Disprin Extra Strength can cause side effects, but not everybody gets them.

**Stop using the product and contact a doctor at once if you develop**

- Heart failure (symptoms include shortness of breath and/or swelling of the feet or legs)
- Difficulty in breathing or sudden constriction of the muscles in the walls of bronchioles that appears as the features of asthma, chronic bronchitis, anaphylaxis (constriction of the airway)
- Swelling (oedema) and/or severe rash
- Signs of gastrointestinal ulcers or bleeding such as indigestion, flatulence (wind), constipation, abdominal pain, black tarry stools, vomiting blood or particles which look like coffee grounds, peptic ulcer

**Other side effects of Disprin Extra Strength may include**

- High blood pressure (hypertension)
- Feeling or being sick, diarrhoea, constipation, stomach pain
- Liver or kidney problems
- Allergic reactions (may consist of wheeziness, runny nose, itchy skin, rash, asthma). These are more likely in people sensitive to aspirin.
- Skin reactions, itching, fluid build-up in tissue below the skin and in mucous membranes which appears as spots or lumps, blood blisters and occasionally flaking of the skin or rarely changes in

skin colour (Steven-Johnson syndrome).

- Colitis (a condition which can cause abdominal pain, diarrhoea and bleeding from the bowel) or worsening of inflammatory bowel disease (such as Crohn's Disease)
- Headache & blurred vision
- Bruising easily or bleeding (thrombocytopenia)
- Prolonged bleeding time / Impairment of blood clotting ability
- Aplastic anaemia (symptoms include low platelet counts, low white blood cell count, low count of immature red blood cells and low red blood cells)
- Reduction in the number of red blood cells (anaemia), white blood cells (agranulocytosis) and platelets (pancytopenia)
- Fever, hives, itch
- Meningitis that is not caused by a bacterial source (aseptic meningitis)
- Swelling of the deeper layers of the skin. This can affect any part of the body but usually eyes, lips, genitals, hands and feet
- Retaining sodium (salt), retaining fluid
- Mouth ulcers
- Increase in uric acid in blood
- a rare skin condition called toxic epidermal necrolysis

Frequencies of the above side effects are very rare or not known. Undesirable effects may be minimised by using the lowest effective dose for the shortest duration.

**Reporting of side effects**

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via HPRRA Pharmacovigilance, Earlsfort Terrace, IRL - Dublin 2; Tel: +353 1 6764971; Fax: +353 1 6762517. Website: www.hpra.ie;

e-mail: medsafety@hpra.ie. By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

**5. HOW TO STORE DISPRIN EXTRA STRENGTH**

Keep out of the sight and reach of children. Store below 25°C. Store in the original package in order to protect from moisture. Do not use after the expiry date (EXP) shown on the blister or carton. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required.


These measures will help to protect the environment.

**6. CONTENTS OF THE PACK AND OTHER INFORMATION**

**What Disprin Extra Strength contains**

Each tablet contains 500mg aspirin (acetylsalicylic acid) as the active ingredient. Each tablet also contains calcium carbonate, maize starch, citric acid anhydrous, talc (sterilised), sodium-laurilsulphate, saccharin, croscopollose and lime flavour 2.

**What Disprin Extra Strength looks like and pack contents**  
Disprin Extra Strength are white circular tablets

marked with a "D" and sword logo   
Available in packs of 16.

**Marketing Authorisation Holder and Manufacturer**

PA Holder: Reckitt Benckiser Ireland Limited, 7 Riverwalk, Citywest, Dublin 24, Ireland.

Manufacturer: Reckitt Benckiser Healthcare (UK) Limited, Hull HU8 7DS, UK and RB NL Brands B.V. Schiphol Blvd 207, 1118 BH Schiphol, NL.

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