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ASPIRIN, ETC. Considerations Prior to Surgery

There are many medications which may interfere with your blood's ability to clot, and can be a problem during surgery. Medicines like aspirin, aspirin-like compounds and non-steroidal anti-inflammatories (NSAIDS) should NOT be taken for Ten to Fourteen Days before surgery, as they increase the tendency for bleeding. For this reason, it is very important that contents of any "over-the-counter" preparations and prescription medications be checked carefully prior to their use. Many headache preparations, cold remedies, and "hang-over" cures, arthritis and pain preparations contain aspirin, or aspirin related compounds.

****It is OK to use TYLENOL (Acetaminophen)****

DO NOT USE

4-Way Cold Tablets	Doan's Original	Nytol
Acetadine	Dristan	Orudis KT
Advil	Ecotrin	Pamprin
Aggrenox	Empirin Compound	Pepto-Bismol
Aleve	Equagesic	Percodan
Alka-Seltzer	Excedrin	Persistin Relafen
Anacin	Feldene	Plavix
Anahist	Fenoprofen	Premysyn PMS
Anaprox	Fiorinol	Robaxisal
Ansaid	4-Way Cold	Rufin
APC	Ibuprofen	Sal-Sayne
Arthritis Pain Formula	Indocin	Sine-Aid
Ascriptin	Indomethacin	Sine-Off
Aspergum	Inhiston	Sodium Salicylate
Aspirin	Ketoprofen	Stanback
Bayer	Ketoralac	Talwin Compound
BC	Liquiprin	Theracin
Bromo-Quinine	Lodine	Ticlin
Bromo-Seltzer	Lovenox	Tolectin
Bufferin	Meclomen	Tolmetin
Celebrex	Midol	Toradol
Clinoril	Momentum	Trigesic
Cope	Motrin IB	Trilisate
Coricidin	Nalfon	Ursinus Inlay
Darvon Compound	Naprosyn	Vanquish
Daypro	Naproxen	Vioxx
Dimetapp Sinus	Nuprin	
Disalcid	Nyquil	

Also please stay away from Vitamin E, Ginkgo, Garlic supplements, Fish Oil supplements, Willow Bark, Turmeric supplements for the same 14 days prior to surgery as these can also increase bleeding time.

Please check with our office or your pharmacist if you are uncertain that a medication you are taking may contain one of the above-related products.

If you are taking COUMADIN or WARFARIN those will be considered separately and with special attention.

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