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Aspirin

1. CLASSIFICATION
 - a. Salicylate, analgesic, antipyretic
 - b. NOT an anticoagulant
2. ACTIONS / DESCRIPTIONS
 - a. Major actions appear to be associated primarily with inhibiting the formation of prostaglandins involved in the production of inflammation, pain, and fever.
 - b. Inhibits clotting factor
 - c. Stops clotting cascade
 - d. Powerfully inhibits platelet aggregation
 - e. Antipyretic
3. INDICATIONS
 - a. Myocardial Infarction
 - b. Unstable angina
 - c. Fever in adults
 - d. Mild pain
4. CONTRAINDICATIONS
 - a. History of GI ulceration
 - b. Hemophilia or other bleeding disorders
 - c. Allergy to aspirin
5. PRECAUTIONS
 - a. Patients with history of chronic alcohol use because of hepatotoxicity
6. ADVERSE REACTIONS
 - a. Dizziness
 - b. Confusion
 - c. Tinnitus
 - d. Heartburn
 - e. Stomach pains
7. INFORMATIONAL POINTS
 - a. Administration to patients with GI problems
 - b. Baby aspirin used
 - c. Do not need to repeat if the patient has taken within the past 24 hours