

**ASPIRIN** (Acetylsalicylic acid, ASA)

**Protocols: UP 11-Pain Control, AC 4-CP/STEMI**

- **Type of drug:** non-opioid analgesic; non-steroidal anti-inflammatory (NSAID); antipyretic; antiplatelet
- **Mechanism of Action:** blocks pain impulses in CNS, reduces inflammation by inhibition of prostaglandin synthesis; decreases platelet aggregation
- **Indications:** mild to moderate pain or fever, TIA, ischemic stroke, prophylaxis of MI, angina
- **Contraindications:** bleeding disorders, taking Coumadin, pediatric pts.
- **Precautions:** recent history of gastrointestinal bleeding or ulcers.
- **Route and Dosage:** 81 mg chewable (baby) Aspirin Give 4 tablets to equal usual adult dose.
- **Adverse reactions and side effects:** GI bleeding, laryngeal edema, bronchospasm
- **Note:** If patient took Enteric coated ASA before we arrived, we should administer Baby ASA per protocol.