

## Medication Instructions for Surgery Patients

**Please check the labels of all medications that you take** - even those available without a prescription - to make sure you are not taking any aspirin or aspirin-like substances.

**If you have been prescribed a blood thinner or are unsure about a medication that you take, please consult the prescribing physician before stopping any medications. Your physician will determine the appropriate use of your medication prior to surgery.**

The following is a list of common non-prescription medications that may contain substances that can increase your tendency to bleed:

ALKA SELTZER	CHERACOL CAPS	EXCEDRIN	PHENAPHEN
ADVIL	CHILDREN'S ASPIRIN	FELDENE	QUAGESTIC
ALCOHOL	CHLINORIL	FLORINAL	ROBASISAL
ALEVE	ONGESPRIN	4 WAY COLD TABS	RUPIN
ANACIN	COPE	IBUPROFEN	SINE OFF
ANAPROX	CORICIDINE	INDOCIN	SINE AID
ANAPROXIN	COUMADIN	INDOMETHACIN	TRANDATE
APC	DARVON	MEDIPREN	TRENTAL
ASA	DARVON W/ASA	MIDOL	TRIGESTIC
ASCODEEN	DOLOBID	MOTRIN	TRILISATE
ASCRPTION	DRISTAN	NALFON	VANQUISH
ASPIRIN	EASPRIN	NAPROSYN	VOLTAREN
BUFFERIN	ECOTRIN	NORGESIC	VITAMIN E
BRUFEN	EMPIRIN	NUPRIN	ZACTRIN
CEPHALGESIC	EPRAZIL	PERCODAN	ZORPRIN

**If you need minor pain medication,** please take TYLENOL or another non-aspirin medication. Tylenol is available at your local pharmacy without a prescription and has similar pain relief as aspirin.