

All patients having surgery must stop taking aspirin, aspirin-containing compounds, and nonsteroidal anti-inflammatories (NSAIDs) 7 days prior to surgery. These drugs interfere with normal platelet function and can lead to bleeding problems. You can take acetaminophen (Tylenol) as needed prior to surgery. If you need another medicine for pain control prior to surgery, notify your doctor. You should also stop herbal supplements which increase bleeding risk.

Common aspirin-containing or aspirin-like products to avoid:

Advil	Daypro	Ketorolac	Percodan
Alka Seltzer	Diclofenac	Lodine	Piroxicam
Alleve	Ecotrin	Midol	Redux
Anacin	Empirin	Mobic	Relafen
Anaprox	Etodolac	Motrin	Soma Compound
Arthrotec	Excedrin	Naprosyn	Sulindac
Ascriptin	Excedrine Migraine	Naproxen	Synalgos DC
Aspirin	Feldene	Norgesic	Toradol
Bayer	Fiorinal	Novasen	Vicoprofen
BC Powder	Goody's Headache	Nuprin	Voltaren
Bextra	Ibuprofen	Orudis	
Bufferin	Indocin	Pediprofen	
Darvon Compound	Ketoprofen		

Herbal supplements to avoid:

Feverfew	Fish Oil	Garlic	Gingko Biloba
Ginseng	St. John's Wort		