

Information for Patients

Taking Aspirin and your forthcoming surgery

As you are about to undergo surgery in the near future you will have to make several preparations.

Aspirin is a medication that is known to help reduce heart problems because it reduces blood clotting; it is known as an antithrombotic. This means that you have a tendency to bleed more easily which makes the surgery more difficult.

If you have been instructed to stop taking your Aspirin by your surgeon then you should do so **two weeks prior to surgery**.

If you take Aspirin for a specific reason, for example following cardiac surgery, angioplasty, stroke or heart attack (Myocardial Infarction) then there could be a good reason why you should not stop taking it. If you are in any doubt you should check with your GP prior to stopping your Aspirin.

If you do not have your surgery for whatever reason, please re-commence your usual dose of Aspirin straight away. Most patients can start taking aspirin on the evening after surgery without increasing their risk of bleeding. Please ask the doctor or nurse before you leave the hospital when you should re-start your aspirin.

Further Information

If you are worried or wish to ask any questions about this information, please contact the Oculoplastic specialist nurse on (0161) 276 5608.

To speak to Ward 55 staff please contact the main hospital switchboard on: (0161) 276 1234, available 24 hours a day.