

Section 17-1

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Research Project: Warnings About Aspirin

Aspirin is one of the most commonly used over-the-counter (OTC) drugs. You might think that such a widely used drug must be very safe, but is it really? How much do you know about aspirin?

Consult OTC drug reference books, reliable online sources, or a pharmacist for answers to the questions below. Record the answers in the spaces provided.

1. How does aspirin affect the body?

2. What symptoms, conditions, or diseases is aspirin used to treat?

3. What are the most common side effects of aspirin?

4. How does aspirin interact with other drugs?

5. Who should not take aspirin and why?

6. Review your answers to questions 3–5. Then write a warning statement about aspirin use.
