

SPECIAL INFORMATION ABOUT ASPIRIN, DIET PILLS & HERBAL SUPPLEMENTS

Patients having surgery must discontinue any medication which contains aspirin or other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory agents (see attached sheet). This included, but is not limited to, Phen-Fen (Phentermine and Fenfluramine), Redux, and other prescription and non-prescription diet pills.

ASPIRIN

Aspirin has an effect on your body's ability to clot and could increase your tendency to bleed at the time of surgery and during the post-operative period.

DIET PILLS

Reaction between diet pills and anesthetic drugs could result in disturbances in your heart rhythms and could even cause cardiac arrest or death.

HERBAL SUPPLEMENTS

It is very important that you inform my office of any herbal remedies that you are currently taking. Some herbal remedies can interfere with medications given before, during and after surgery.

If you need minor pain medication, please take Tylenol. Tylenol is available at your pharmacy without a prescription and has an action very similar to that of aspirin. If you are allergic to Tylenol or unable to take it for some other reason, please notify us so that we may arrange a suitable substitute.

You must discontinue these medications for at least two (2) weeks prior to surgical procedures. Failure to do so may result in cancellation of your procedure.

If you have not informed us of the usage of these medications, please do so immediately.