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EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH

Aspirin Diagnostic Tool

El Paso Teller County 911 Authority



When can it be used?

Select one for a chest pain/discomfort patient who is alert, ≥ 16 , not pregnant, and has no reported STROKE symptoms:

This can be found in the critical EMD information. Remember if you can't remember if the patient is completely alert, you can use the "cheat sheet" at the bottom right corner of ProQA.

Basic Overview

WE WILL SELECT FIRST OR SECOND PARTY CALLER AND THEN READ EVERYTHING AS WRITTEN.

If the answer to any of the questions is "yes", then we will not want to administer Aspirin.

HOWEVER! If the answer to these questions is unknown, we will continue to give Aspirin anyways since there is a higher chance it will help them then hurt them.

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Abbreviations Additional Info Limitations Warning

Diagnostic and Instruction Tool

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1st Party 2nd Party

Does anyone there have any aspirin or Bufferin available? (Ask them now.) YES NO UNSURE

Is s/he allergic to aspirin? YES NO

Has s/he vomited blood or coffee ground material in the last 24 hours? YES NO

Has s/he passed black or bloody stools in the last 24 hours? YES NO

Recommendations

Get one adult aspirin/Bufferin or four baby (low-dose) aspirins and tell me when you have them.
(Which type do you have?) ADULT (325mg) BABY or LOW-DOSE (81mg) SPECIAL DOSES

Administration Instructions

Unable to chew Request to wash down ASA

Close

DON'T FORGET!

THE YELLOW POPUP BOX MUST BE READ
AS WRITTEN AS WELL!

Aspirin retrieval

Please stay on the line. I need to **check three more** things. If **someone else** is there with you, send them to **get** the aspirin. If you're **by yourself**, **don't** get the aspirin **yet**.

No one sent

Sent someone

Already have right here

Dosage

We need to know if they have adult Aspirin/Bufferin or if they have baby (low dose) Aspirin and then give the recommended dose.

If they have a different dosage than 325 mg or 81 mg, then we can select "special doses" and it will convert the dose for us.

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(Sent someone for ASA) Did they **return** with aspirin? YES NO

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(Which type do you have?) ADULT (325mg) BABY or LOW-DOSE (81mg) SPECIAL DOSES

Administration Instructions
Tell her/him to chew one adult aspirin/Bufferin right now.

Administration Instructions

Tell her/him to put the aspirin under her/his tongue to dissolve.

Unable to chew

Request to wash down ASA

UNABLE TO CHEW

If the patient is unable to chew it (for example they don't have teeth) then we can give the instructions to place it under their tongue.

Administration Instructions

Tell her/him that s/he can use just a mouthful of water to wash it down.

Unable to chew

Request to wash down ASA

REQUEST WASHDOWN

We want them to be able to chew up the pills with no water since it helps it get in their bloodstream faster. However if they need water, they can have one mouthful just to get the taste out of their mouth.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

There is a list of appropriate replacements for Aspirin and what cannot be given to these patients.

Additional Information

Aspirin-Containing Medications

For AMI early treatment purposes, the **following medications** (listed by their commonly known brand names) **ARE the same as aspirin**:

- **Alka-Seltzer** (dissolve in water first)
- **Anacin**
- **Ascriptin**
- **Asperbuf**
- **Aspergum**
- **Bayer**
- **BC Powder**
- **Bufferin**
- **Doan's pills**
- **Easprin**
- **Ecotrin**
- **Empirin**
- **Entrophen**
- **Excedrin** (only if aspirin based; another variety contains acetaminophen)
- **Goody's Powder**
- **Halfprin**
- **Measurin**
- **St. Joseph**
- **Vanquish**

Do NOT Use These Medications

For AMI early treatment purposes, the **following medications** (listed by their commonly known brand and generic names) are **NOT the same as aspirin** and **should not be administered**:

- **Advil** (ibuprofen)
- **Aleve** (naproxen)
- **Celebrex** (celecoxib)
- **Feldene** (piroxicam)
- **Indocin** (indomethacin)
- **Midol** (acetaminophen)

Axioms

1. It is **safe and advisable** to take aspirin that is **past its expiration date** when heart attack symptoms are present.
2. Aspirin is **commonly available** in doses **over 325mg. Higher** over-the-counter and prescribed **doses are safe** and **should not be withheld** when heart attack symptoms are present.
3. **True aspirin allergy is rare.** However, many patients **not allergic** to aspirin have **other long-term contraindications**, such as gastric ulcers or blood clotting problems. Aspirin therapy for heart attack symptoms **should not be withheld** for conditions **other than true aspirin allergy or active bleeding.**

AXIOMS

Don't forget to review the axioms available in additional information. This is full of great reminders on how to handle the diagnostic.



Rules

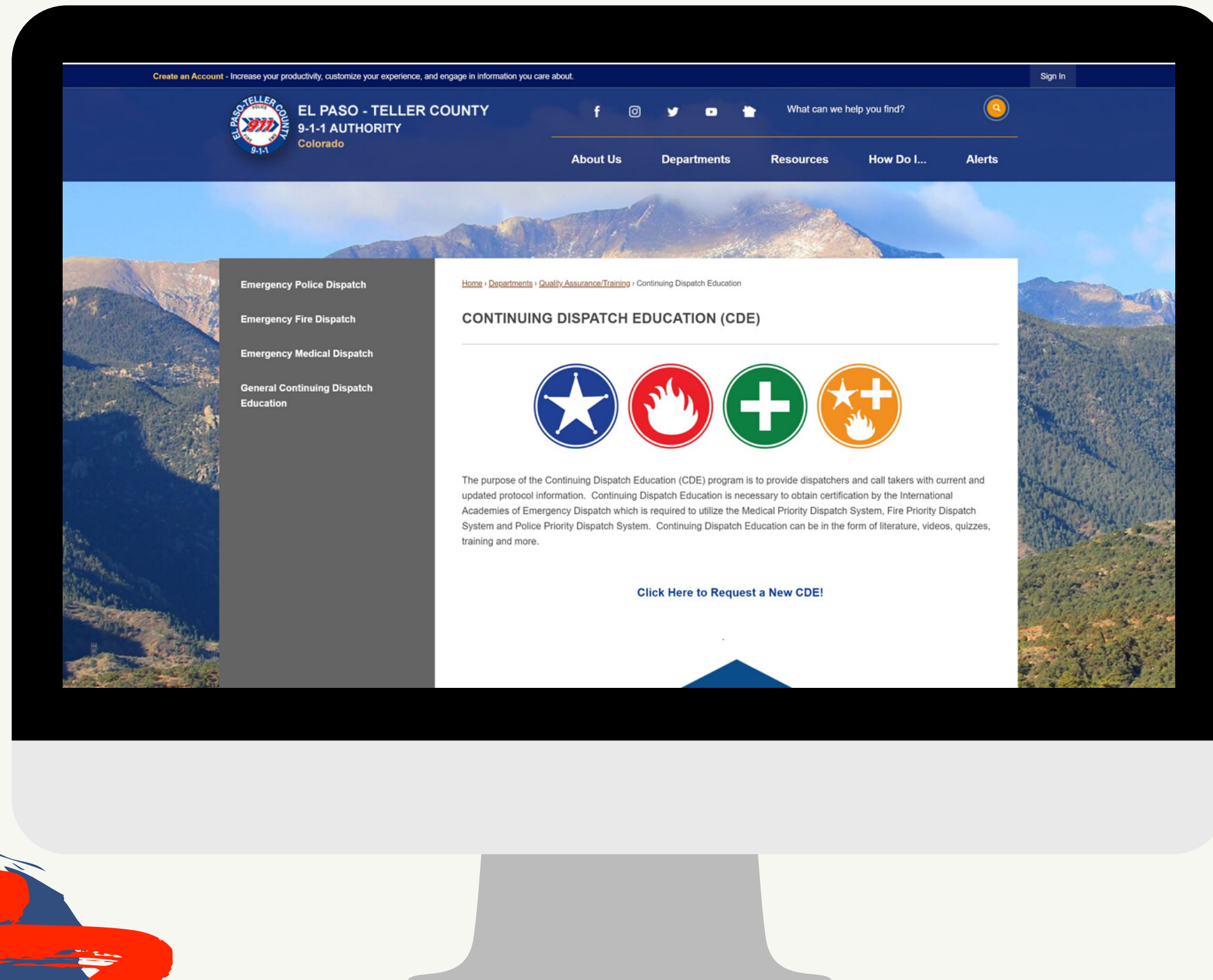
1. Aspirin-containing medications should **not be administered** to patients who are **not alert, under age 16, pregnant**, or have reported **STROKE** symptoms.
2. **1st party** callers **should not be asked** to locate any aspirin **outside** of their own home.
3. **2nd party** callers can be asked to have **someone else check** for aspirin with neighbors or others close by.
4. If the patient is reported to have **just taken aspirin**, or **routinely takes aspirin**, it is **okay to advise** them to take the dispatch-recommended dose now. Since **aspirin resistance is quite common**, an additional dose should not commonly be a problem.
5. **If the caller asks** if the patient can **drink** something to **wash down** the chewed aspirin, tell them that they may use **just a mouthful of water** to wash it down.
6. If they have a medicine **not listed** in the **Aspirin-Containing Medications**, they should be advised **not to take it**, unless they are **sure it contains aspirin**.
7. The Aspirin Diagnostic should be used for **all qualified patients** presenting **with heart attack symptoms**.

Additional Information Rules

COMMON QUESTIONS YOU HAVE ARE ADDRESSED HERE!

The most common trend we see is not wanting to give more aspirin if they have already taken some. **Remember Rule 4!** If they have already taken some, we still want to give more since aspirin resistance is common.

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