

Going home after Aspirin™ (ASA) desensitization

You have an allergy to Aspirin™ (ASA). However, taking an Aspirin™ (ASA) together with a second anti-platelet medication (such as clopidogrel or ticagrelor) can help prevent:

- platelets from sticking to your coronary stent
- clots from forming inside the stent

For these reasons your doctor has chosen to desensitize you to Aspirin™ (ASA). This process has allowed you to build up a tolerance to Aspirin™ (ASA), at the dose ordered by your doctor. **DO NOT** take a higher dose than this or you may have an allergic reaction.

When you are home:

- You must take your Aspirin™ (ASA) 81 mg every day.
- If you miss a dose, **do not** take the next dose. This may cause a serious reaction. Contact your cardiologist or family doctor right away. You may have to be desensitized again.
- Never take a higher dose than ordered by your doctor.
- You will be on Aspirin (ASA) 81 mg for a limited time while your coronary stent heals. Your doctor will tell you when to stop taking Aspirin (ASA).



Desensitization does **not** cure your allergy to Aspirin™ (ASA), it just makes you more tolerant at lower doses. **You will always be allergic to aspirin (ASA).**