

Getting Ready for Surgery

Should I keep taking my medicine before surgery?

Some medicines should not be taken before your surgery because they can thin your blood and can increase your risk of bleeding during the surgery.

What medicines should I stop taking?

You should stop taking medicines that contain non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medicines and aspirin. Also, stop taking diet pills, herbal supplements and Vitamin E.

What are some examples of these medicines?

Medicines That Contain Non-Steroidal Anti-Inflammatory and Aspirin			
Advil	Bufferin	Feldene	Nuprin
Aleve	Celebrex	Felefen	Orudis
Alka-Seltzer	Clinoril	Fiorinol	Pepto Bismol
Regular Anacin	Darvon	Ibuprofen	Relafen
Ascriptin	Disalcid	Indocin	Soma
Aspirin	Dolobid	Meclomen	Tolectin
Aspirin w/Codeine	Easprin	Motrin	Trilisate
Bayer	Ecotrin	Nalfon	Voltaren
Buffered Aspirin	Exedrin	Naprosyn	
Herbal Supplements			
Bromelain	Ginger	Horsechestnut	Papain
Feverfew	Ginko Biloba	Licorice	St. John's Wort
Garlic	Green Tea	Omega	Vitamin E

What should I do if I am taking any of these medicines now?

Tell your doctor about any of these you are taking. Also, if you are taking any of them for a medical condition, talk to your doctor before you stop taking them.

When should I stop taking these medicines?

Stop taking these kinds of medicines two weeks before your surgery.

Should I make a list of all the medicines I am taking?

Yes. Bring your list of medicines to your appointment before the surgery and also bring it to the hospital for your surgery. At your visit before surgery, your doctor may give you prescriptions for medicines to take after surgery. You can get the prescriptions filled before your surgery to have them ready to take after surgery.

