



MINISTRY for HEALTH

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Memo

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Date: 11th January 2017

Attn All Consultants
Medical Practitioners
Pharmacists & Pharmacy Technicians
Nurses

From: Central Procurement and Supplies Unit (CPSU)
Subject: **Medicine Alert –Aspirin 75mg tablets (A379)**

Aspirin 75mg tablets are currently listed on GFL to be prescribed by Consultants, Specialist Family Medicine PHCD [Hypertension Only] for Schedule V card holders for the treatment of various chronic diseases and by Medical Practitioners for Pink Card holders suffering from a chronic condition.

Please be informed that the new stock of Aspirin tablets within the National Health Scheme is now Aspirin 75mg gastro-resistant tablets (Sage code A379). Aspirin 75mg dispersible tablets (A379A) were previously available.

There is no change in dose and one tablet of Aspirin 75mg gastro resistant tablet is equivalent to one tablet of Aspirin 75mg dispersible tablet.

Patients should be advised that the gastro-resistant tablets should be swallowed whole. It is important that patients are advised to take aspirin tablets with or just after food, or a meal to reduce the risk of any irritation to the stomach.

Your cooperation is highly solicited.

In case of any queries, kindly contact Healthcare Intelligence Unit on Tel 25404112 or email: hiu-cpsu.meh-health@gov.mt

For your attention please.

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