

ACE STUDY PATIENT

Important Information for Hospital Ward Personnel

Patient's Name: _____

- X This patient has agreed to enter the Aspirin and Carotid Endarterectomy (ACE) trial, and has been randomly assigned to one of the following 4 dose regimens:
81 mg/day, 325 mg/day, 650 mg/day, 1300 mg/day
- X The primary objective of this trial is to determine whether the risk of stroke and death, in the 30 day perioperative period following carotid endarterectomy is influenced by the use of high vs low doses of ASA, started before surgery, and continued throughout the study. All patients will be followed for 3 months.
- X Study medication is supplied to each patient in 1 week blister pacs, by the ACE Study Coordinator at each participating study center, when the patient enters the trial. This is a double-blind trial. All study blister pacs look the same.
- X Patients are instructed to take 5 pills each day, 3 in the morning when they get up or with breakfast, and 2 in the evening with dinner or before going to bed.
- X Patients start taking their study medication between 1 and 7 days before surgery.
- X On the day of surgery patients are to take all 5 pills for that day before the operation.
- X Patients are to resume taking their study medication as directed on the day following surgery and to continue it throughout their hospital stay.
- X On discharge from hospital, patients will be given sufficient study medication to last until their 30 day post-operative study assessment.
- X All study medication will be supplied by the ACE Study Coordinator.
- X Patients are instructed to return all used and unused blister pacs to the ACE Study Coordinator at their follow-up visits.

This patient was instructed to start taking study medication on: _____

For more information contact:

ACE Study Coordinator: _____

Telephone Number: _____

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Please keep this form with the patient's hospital chart.