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Dear Sir

We write with reference to your last FAW newsletter (February 2011) and in particular the article on Aspirin administration. Your article states that you have received anecdotal information about training information relating to the administration of Aspirin being inconsistent. We by no means wish to appear rude but we feel that your article re Aspirin can only compound this apparent confusion.

What is the article trying to say? Are we to teach that those individuals suffering from the signs and symptoms of a heart attack should be given aspirin? And if yes, does this mean that it has to be the individual's own aspirin or can the aspirin be obtained by other means? Should First Aid boxes now contain aspirin?

It would be advantageous to know the boundaries relating to this highly contentious subject i.e. what contra-indications should we be teaching? It is also important to remember that Ambulance Service control operators are issuing instructions to callers to administer 300mg of Aspirin during the 999 call.

We look forward to your response.

Yours faithfully

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