

A Painful Reminder of the Dangers of NSAIDs

As if the side-effects of nonsteroidal anti-inflammatory drugs (NSAIDs) aren't alarming enough, consider Spanish researchers' findings from a nationwide study* of NSAID/aspirin-induced gastrointestinal events:



SOURCE: Lanas A, Perez-Aisa MA, Feu F, et al. A nationwide study of mortality associated with hospital admission due to severe gastrointestinal events and those associated with nonsteroidal antiinflammatory drug use. *American Journal of Gastroenterology* 2005;100:1685-93.

*Data sample represents 77% of total hospitalizations in Spain (approx. population: 41 million) in 2001.