

Ordinary aspirin may stop strokes

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NEWPORT BEACH, Calif. — New research is beginning to indicate that ordinary aspirin can reduce the threat of stroke symptoms and recurrent heart attacks among people with diseased arteries.

Study results are just becoming available and there is no evidence yet to support theories the anti-clotting effects of aspirin on blood will prevent strokes or heart attacks among people with no signs of disease.

But Dr. William Fields, head of neurology at the University of Texas Health Sciences Center in Houston, said, "There's no question aspirin has an effect."

Fields outlined at an American Heart Association meeting Wednesday the results of a two-year study by 10 institutions on people who

already had "little strokes" or had other stroke symptoms.

Half the patients were given two aspirins twice a day and the other half received dummy pills. Eighty-five percent of those receiving aspirin reported no additional symptoms during a period of up to two years, compared with 58 percent of those who took dummy pills.

Supporting that finding was a preliminary report from a similar study conducted at 24 medical centers in Canada.

The major result, according to Dr. Michael Gent of McMaster University in Hamilton, Ontario, was a 50 percent reduction in death and disability from strokes among males taking aspirin, compared to those who took dummy medicine.

Two studies are now under way in the United States to see if

daily aspirin doses will reduce the heart attack risk. Results of one study are expected to be available next month.

However, a recently completed study by doctors in West Germany and Austria found that people who suffered one heart attack had fewer second attacks when they took aspirin.

Aspirin has been in use for 80 years to relieve aches and pains and to lower temperatures. Some doctors over the years have noted that patients receiving aspirin regularly for chronic headaches or arthritis seemed to have lower occurrence of stroke and heart attack.

Laboratory studies show that aspirin interfered with the early stages of blood coagulation, but not to the extent of stopping clots needed to stop wound bleeding.

Waco Naval units to recruit

A representative from the Naval Reserve units in Waco will be in College Station Monday and Tuesday to interview Navy and other service veterans who may be interested in the Naval Reserve Program. A number of officers and enlisted personnel from the faculty

and student body at Texas A&M University are currently assigned to the three Waco units that meet the third weekend of each month.

For further information, contact Senior Chief Bill Wallace at the Bryan Navy Recruiting Office, phone 822-5221.

Brazilian to lecture on use of sugar cane as fuel source

Professor Jose Goldemberg, director of the Institute of Physics at Sao Paulo, Brazil, will present a public lecture Tuesday at Texas A&M University on "Energy Problems of Brazil: Is Alcohol a Solution?"

Alcohol derived from sugar cane is sometimes used in combination with or in lieu of gasoline in Brazil.

Goldemberg's address is 4 p.m. in room 342 of Zachry Engineering Center. His appearance is cosponsored

by the College of Geosciences and the Center for Energy and Mineral Resources.

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It's only 14 inches high — about the size of other plugs — and firemen regularly pass it by when they look for water to fight a fire. A policeman who lives on the same street said no one believes it's the genuine article.

One resident, Samuel Weitz, says he has been parking in front of the hydrant for eight years, and no one ever said anything about it.

Until now.

Patrolman Martin Aberman saw Weitz' car in front of the hydrant the other day. Aberman wasn't sure whether the plug should be treated like other hydrants, so he asked three other policemen to take a look.

They weren't sure either, but Aberman issued a ticket anyway and brought the matter before Municipal Judge Genarro Consalvo.

The judge said Tuesday he can't rule on the case until the fire marshal conducts an investigation into the status of the fireplug.

"Something must be wrong," the judge said, "if three police officers don't know whether it's a working fireplug, it's time we found out."

Meeting opens on cattle feeding for reproduction

An evening workshop on "Nutrition Management for Improving Beef Cattle Reproductive Performance" will be held today and Saturday at 7 in Rudder Tower 308. The meeting is sponsored by the food animal section of the Veterinary Large Animal Medicine and Surgery Department, and by the Texas Agricultural Experiment Station, a part of the Texas A&M University System.

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