Medication guide

KSUMC · Internal Medicine

Apixaban

Your medicine guide

Eliquis



WHY DO YOU TAKE THIS MEDICINE?

Apixaban thins your blood to prevent and treat clots and lower stroke risk.[1,2]

How to take it

1. Take it at the same times each day, morning and evening.[1]
2. You can take it with or without food.[1]
3. Do not stop taking it before you talk with your doctor.[2]

Common side effects[1]

- Bleeding more easily
- Bruising
- Nosebleeds
- Bleeding gums
- Nausea
- Rash

If you miss a dose

Take it as soon as you remember on the same day. Do not double up to make up for it. Go back to your usual times the next day.[2]

How to store it

Store it at room temperature (20°C to 25°C). Keep it out of the reach of children.[2]

Tell your doctor

- Before surgery or dental work, ask your doctor when to stop and restart.[2]
- Show your anticoagulant alert card to every doctor and dentist.[1]
- Tell your doctor all your medicines; some, like aspirin, raise bleeding risk.[2]
- Tell your doctor right away if you fall, especially if you hit your head.[2]

My dose

Dose .....

Times a day .....

Get help now

Go to the emergency department or call 997

Get medical help right away.

- Severe bleeding, or bleeding you cannot stop.[2]
- Vomiting blood or coffee-ground vomit, or coughing up blood.[2]
- You took too much apixaban.[2]
- Red, pink or brown urine, or red or black tar-like stools.[2]
- Sudden bad headache, confusion, slurred speech, or trouble moving arms or legs.[1]

SOURCES

1. NHS — Apixaban
2. US Food and Drug Administration — Eliquis (apixaban) prescribing information

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