

CLOPIDOGREL

Other names: Arrow-Clopid®



Important note: The following information is intended to add to, not replace, the knowledge and judgment of your doctor, pharmacist or other health care professional.

Why you are taking this medicine?

Clopidogrel belongs to a group of medicines known as antiplatelet drugs. Clopidogrel is used for patients who are allergic to aspirin or who have recently had a heart attack, stroke or for those who have had a stent put in.

Clopidogrel works by helping to prevent harmful blood clots.

When to take this medicine

Clopidogrel is normally taken **once** a day with or without food.

Before taking this medicine

Make sure your doctor knows if you have a bleeding problem, such as a bleeding stomach ulcer, before taking this medicine.

If you miss a dose

Take your dose as soon as possible except when it is close to the time for your next dose. If it is almost time for the next dose, skip the missed dose and return to your regular dosing schedule. You should not take two doses at the same time.

Side Effects

Unfortunately as well as having good effects, most medicines have some effects on your body that are unwanted. These are called *side effects*.

Call your doctor **immediately** if you have any of these side effects:

- swelling of face, hands, mouth or throat
- slow or difficult speech
- tightness in chest or trouble breathing
- black tarry stools
- bright red or pink urine
- unusual bruising or bleeding
- nose bleeds
- fever, chills, sore throat
- severe stomach pain
- fast heartbeat
- yellowing of the skin or eyes

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if any of these side effects are of a concern to you:

- constipation, diarrhoea
- indigestion, upset stomach
- mild rash

The list of side effects is **not** complete. Tell your doctor or pharmacist if any side effect is of a concern to you.

Other Medicines

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicine including herbal or complementary products and medicines you can buy without a prescription.

Care is required when other medicines are taken with clopidogrel, such as: warfarin (Marevan or Coumadin), aspirin and non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medicines (NSAIDs), for example diclofenac (Voltaren, Cataflam, Diclax SR) and ibuprofen (Nurofen, Panafen, Ibucare) as these medicines may increase the risk of stomach bleeding.

Storage

Keep all medicines out of reach of children.

Read this leaflet and discuss any questions you have about your medicines with your doctor or pharmacist.