

# TRANEXAMIC ACID

Other names: Cyclokapron®



**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?

Tranexamic acid belongs to a group of medicines called anti-fibrinolytic drugs (it stops the breakdown of a protein called fibrin). It is used to stop or reduce unwanted bleeding. When you bleed your body forms clots to stop the bleeding. In some people these break down causing too much bleeding. Tranexamic acid stops these clots dissolving and so reduces unwanted bleeding.

It is used in the treatment and prevention of certain types of excessive bleeding (haemorrhagic) including:

- heavy menstruation
- nose bleed
- dental surgery (as a mouthwash)
- prostate or bladder surgery
- gut (gastrointestinal) bleeding
- blood in your urine
- orthopaedic surgery

## When to take this medicine

Take your tranexamic acid dose, with half a glass of water, usually three times a day. It can be taken before, during or after meals.

## 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 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:

- allergic reaction such as skin rash, difficulty breathing, swelling of the mouth, face, lips or tongue
- disturbances in colour vision or field of vision
- chest pain
- decreased urination (peeing)
- severe headache
- speech problems
- one-sided weakness
- shortness of breath

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you have these side effects:

- nausea and/or vomiting
- dizziness
- diarrhoea

This list of side effects is **not** complete. Tell your doctor or pharmacist if any of these side effects are 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.

### **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.**