

TICAGRELOR

Other names: Brilinta®



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?

Ticagrelor belongs to a group of medicines known as antiplatelet medicines. It is used to prevent harmful blood clots. Antiplatelet medicines reduce the stickiness of platelets which reduces the chances of having a heart attack.

When to take this medicine

Ticagrelor is normally taken **TWICE** 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 or a previous bleed in the brain, 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 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:

- tightness in chest or trouble breathing
- black tarry stools
- bright red or pink urine
- unusual bruising or bleeding
- severe stomach pain
- severe rash

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

- feeling short of breath
- headache
- vomiting, diarrhoea
- constipation
- indigestion, upset stomach
- 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 ticagrelor as these medicines may increase the risk of bleeding:

- Warfarin (Marevan or Coumadin)
- Dabigatran
- Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medicines (NSAIDs), for example diclofenac, naproxen or ibuprofen

The following medicines may also interact with ticagrelor:

- Itraconazole, ketoconazole (antifungal medication)
- Clarithromycin (antibacterial medication)
- High doses of some cholesterol medications

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.