This Patient Information Leaflet should be read with the APIXABAN Eliquis® Consumer Medicine Information. This is available at: http://bit.ly/1XgCFIm

APIXABAN helps to stop blood clots from forming.

You need to tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines. This includes any vitamins or minerals, herbal supplements or medicines you bought without a prescription from a pharmacy, supermarket or health food store.

It is a good idea to carry an up-to-date list of all your medicines. Consider wearing a medical alert bracelet.

Illness, medical and dental procedures
Tell the ambulance and hospital staff that you take APIXABAN if you are in an accident, or become very ill. Tell any doctor or dentist that you are on APIXABAN before any medical procedures (including operations in hospital, minor procedures at GP or dental clinics).

Do NOT stop taking your APIXABAN unless told by your doctor.

How do I take APIXABAN?
Swallow the tablet whole. You can take it with or without food. Your pharmacist can put APIXABAN in a dose administration aid, such as a Webster Pak®.

How do I store APIXABAN?
Tablets should be kept in a cool, dry place where the temperature stays below 30°C. Store all medicines out of reach of children.

What if I forget to take a tablet?
Take your next tablet as soon as you remember. Then continue your APIXABAN as usual.

If it is nearly time for your next tablet, do not take extra tablets to make up for the forgotten tablet.

If you miss more than one tablet, or if you are unsure of what to do, talk to your doctor or pharmacist immediately.

What tests will I need?
It is important to have your blood tested at least once a year to make sure you are on the right dose and not having any unwanted side effects.
Side effects of APIXABAN

Bleeding is the main side effect of APIXABAN. To lower the chance of bleeding, take your medicine exactly as your doctor explained.

Contact your doctor immediately, or go to your nearest hospital emergency department if you:

- have a nose bleed
- have red or dark urine
- start coughing up blood
- vomit, and it is dark or blood stained
- have red or black (tar like) bowel motions
- have excessive bleeding, or bleeding that lasts longer than usual
- have unexplained bruising, or bruising that gets bigger without a cause
- have a bad headache or dizziness

If the bleeding is severe, go straight to your nearest Hospital Emergency Department

Tell them you are taking APIXABAN

Other side effects of APIXABAN can include:

- heartburn, indigestion when swallowing
- nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, stomach ache
- dizziness, breathlessness
- fever
- yellowing of skin and/or eyes (jaundice).

Tell your doctor if you have any of these symptoms or any other symptoms listed in the Consumer Medicine Information that worries you.

What should I do if I fall or hurt myself?
You might bleed more than usual while you are taking APIXABAN. Tell your doctor if you have a fall, or hurt your head or body, even if there are no signs of injury.

Pregnancy or breastfeeding

APIXABAN must NOT be taken during pregnancy or whilst breastfeeding. If you plan to become pregnant or think you are pregnant, tell your doctor as soon as possible.

APIXABAN Instructions

Ask your doctor or pharmacist to complete the following important information about how to take APIXABAN.

Dose:

When to take:

For how long:

Next appointment:

Useful contacts:

Health Direct Nurse Helpline: 1800 022 222
www.healthdirect.gov.au/ Available 24 hours

NPS Medicines Line: 1300 633 424. For information about your medicines you can phone Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5 pm.
www.nps.org.au/contact-us/medicines-line

Poisons information Hotline – for immediate advice for overdoses or poisoning 24-hour telephone line: 13 11 26

Other: