

DABIGATRAN (PRADAXA®)

INFORMATION FOR PATIENTS, FAMILIES & CARERS

This Patient Information Leaflet should be read with the [DABIGATRAN \(Pradaxa®\) Consumer Medicine Information](http://bit.ly/1TFr4gN). This is available at: <http://bit.ly/1TFr4gN>

DABIGATRAN 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 DABIGATRAN if you are in an accident, or become very ill. Tell any doctor or dentist that you are on DABIGATRAN before any medical procedures (including operations in hospital, minor procedures at GP or dental clinics).


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


How do I take DABIGATRAN?


Swallow the capsule whole. It can be taken with or without food. Keep the capsules in the pack until it is time to take them.

How do I store DABIGATRAN?

They should NOT be used in dose administration aids such as dosette boxes. Keep in a cool, dry place where the temperature stays below 30°C. Store all medicines out of reach of children.

 DABIGATRAN (Pradaxa®) 75 mg capsule

 DABIGATRAN (Pradaxa®) 110 mg capsule

 DABIGATRAN (Pradaxa®) 150 mg capsule

Not actual capsule size

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What if I forget to take a capsule?

If you are taking DABIGATRAN following KNEE or HIP REPLACEMENT surgery:

- continue with your remaining DABIGATRAN capsules at the same time on the next day.

If you have ATRIAL FIBRILLATION (AF) and are taking DABIGATRAN for STROKE PREVENTION:

- do not take a missed capsule if it is less than 6 hours before the next capsule is due.
- take the missed capsule if it is more than 6 hours before the next capsule is due.

Do not take extra capsules to make up for missed individual capsules. If you miss more than one capsule, 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 DABIGATRAN

Bleeding is the main side effect of DABIGATRAN. 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 DABIGATRAN**

Other side effects of DABIGATRAN can include:

- heartburn, indigestion
- 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 DABIGATRAN. Tell your doctor if you have a fall, or hurt your head or body, even if there is no sign of injury.

Pregnancy or breastfeeding

DABIGATRAN 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.

DABIGATRAN Instructions

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

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:

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