

Medication Information Card

Clopidogrel (Clo – pid – o – grel)

Other names for this medication

Plavix[®]

How this medication is used

This medication works by slowing the clotting of blood. It is given to people who have had a stroke or are having warning signs of a stroke. It can prevent blood clots in patients with heart disease and after angioplasty.

How to take this medication

Take this medication exactly as directed by your doctor. To avoid stomach upset, take this medication with food.

If you miss a dose of this medication, take it as soon as possible. However, if it is almost time for the next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular time. Do not take 2 doses at one time.

Do not take other products that contain acetylsalicylic acid or other non-steroidal anti-inflammatory medications such as ibuprofen while take this medication unless advised by your doctor.

While taking this medication you may notice

- upset stomach
- nausea
- diarrhea

Contact your doctor if you notice

- skin rash
- continuing diarrhea, nausea or stomach upset
- signs of bleeding such as easy bruising, nosebleeds, black or bloody stools, red urine
- change in the colour of your skin, eyes or stool

If you are having elective surgery or major dental work, you should stop taking this medication 7 days before the procedure. Talk to your surgeon or dentist about this in advance.