

What is most important to remember?

- Take dabigatran exactly as directed
- Opened bottles of dabigatran can be stored up to 4 months after opening
- Keep dabigatran in original prescription bottle
- Do not puncture blister packs
- Call your doctor for any signs of serious bleeding or bruising
- Contact your doctor before starting any new prescription medications, over-the-counter drugs, or herbal remedies
- Tell all dentists, doctors, and pharmacists that you take dabigatran

If you have questions:

Ask your doctor, nurse or pharmacist for more information about dabigatran

Recommended Internet Sites

http://clotcare.com/dabigatran_demystified.aspx

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Dabigatran (Pradaxa®): Important Patient Information





What does dabigatran do?

- Dabigatran slows the ability of your blood to form a clot
- Dabigatran is used to prevent harmful blood clots from forming in your body

What do I need to know about taking dabigatran?

- Take as directed
- Take every day
- Store at room temperature
- No routine blood work is required for the dabigatran. However, your doctor may order a lab test to check your kidney function

Who should know I am taking dabigatran?

- You must tell all your doctors, dentist, and pharmacist that you see that you are taking dabigatran
- Before any medical procedure or test make sure that the staff know you take dabigatran

Are there any interactions with other drugs or food that I need to worry about?

- Common over-the-counter pain medications (called NSAIDs) such as ibuprofen (Advil®), naproxen (Aleve®), and aspirin may increase the risk of bleeding problems. Acetaminophen (Tylenol®) can be used for pain.
- Dabigatran has some drug interactions that may increase your risk of side effects or decrease the effects of the drug
- Do not start new prescription medications, over-the-counter medications, or herbal and dietary supplements without telling your doctor

What side effects could occur while on dabigatran?

- The risk of bleeding is the most common and serious side effect
- If you have a bad fall or are in an accident, call your doctor at once

What if I forget to take a dose?

- Take a missed dose as soon as you remember
- If it has been 6 or more hours since your missed dose, skip that dose and take your next dose at your normal time
- **NEVER** take 2 doses at one time to make up for a missed dose

If you have any of the following side effects, call your doctor or visit the emergency room immediately:

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| • Coughing or vomiting blood or coffee ground material | • Bleeding from a cut that lasts longer than normal |
| • Unusual weakness or tiredness | • Swelling in your face, hands or mouth and throat |
| • Frequent nosebleeds | • Numbness and tingling |
| • Black, tarry stools | • Severe back pain |
| • Blood in urine or stool | • SEVERE stomach pain |
| • Severe headaches | • Bleeding from the gums |
| • Pink, red or brown urine | • Severe menstrual bleeding |

