

## What is most important to remember?

- Take rivaroxaban exactly as you are directed
- Call your doctor for any signs of serious bleeding or bruising
- Contact your doctor before starting any new medications, over-the-counter drugs, or herbal remedies
- Tell all dentists, doctors, and pharmacists that you take rivaroxaban

### If you have questions:

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

### Recommended Internet Sites

<https://medlineplus.gov/druginfo/meds/a611049.html>

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## Strong Internal Medicine



## Rivaroxaban (Xarelto®): Important Patient Information



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### What does rivaroxaban do?

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

### What do I need to know about taking rivaroxaban?

- Take as directed
- Take every day
- Store at room temperature
- No routine blood work is required
- There are no known food interactions with rivaroxaban

### Who should know I am taking rivaroxaban?

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

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

- Rivaroxaban has many drug interactions that may increase your risk of side effects or decrease the effects of the drug
- 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.
- Do not start new prescription medications, over-the-counter medications, or herbal and dietary supplements without telling your doctor
- If taking LESS than 15mg take with or without food
- If taking 15mg or MORE take with food

### What side effects could occur while on rivaroxaban?

- 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 a dose?

- Take a missed dose as soon as you remember
- If you take rivaroxaban once a day, take it as soon as you remember and resume your normal schedule the next day
- If you take rivaroxaban 15 mg twice a day, take the missed dose as soon as you remember. Then take your next dose at the regularly scheduled time.

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

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

