

Your medication information for CORONARY ARTERY DISEASE

Antiplatelet medicines

Active Ingredient Name	Some Common Brand Names
Aspirin 300mg soluble tablets	Aspro Clear [®] , Disprin [®] , Solprin [®]
Aspirin 100mg tablets	Astrix [®] , Cardiprin [®] , DBL Aspirin [®] , Mayne Pharma Aspirin [®] , Spren [®]
Aspirin 100mg enteric coated tablets or capsules	Astrix [®] capsules, Cartia [®] , Cardasa [®] , Pharmacy Action Low Dose Aspirin [®]
Clopidogrel 75mg	Clovix [®] , Iscover [®] , Piax [®] , Plavacor [®] , Plavix [®] , Plidogrel [®] ,
Clopidogrel 75mg + Aspirin 100mg	CoPlavix [®] , DuoCover [®] , DuoPlidogrel [®] , Piax Plus Aspirin [®]
Prasugrel 5mg or 10mg	Effient [®]
Ticagrelor 90mg	Brilinta [®]

What are antiplatelet medicines?

- ♥ Antiplatelet medicines stop blood platelets from sticking together and help to prevent blood clots from forming.
- ♥ They may work to:
 - Reduce the risk of future heart attacks, strokes and death
 - Prevent stents from blocking.
- ♥ Your doctor may prescribe a combination of two antiplatelet medicines for increased benefit.

What should I do while taking them?

Take your antiplatelet medicine every day according to the doctor's instructions.

- ♥ Aspirin, Clopidogrel and Prasugrel are usually taken once a day.
- ♥ Ticagrelor is usually taken twice a day.
- ♥ Antiplatelet medicines should be taken with or after food.

If taking aspirin, keep the tablets or capsules in their packaging until just before use.

- ♥ Aspirin can break down quickly when exposed to room air.
- ♥ If you use 300mg aspirin tablets, the usual dose is a QUARTER (¼) or HALF (½) a tablet once a day. Throw out the rest of the tablet and use a fresh tablet each day.
- ♥ Dissolve soluble aspirin tablets in half a glass of water before taking.
- ♥ Swallow enteric coated tablets whole – do not crush or chew them.

Tell your doctor or dentist that you are taking an antiplatelet medicine before you have any surgery.

- ♥ Antiplatelet medicines may increase the risk of bleeding during an operation or dental procedure.
- ♥ Your doctor will decide whether you should stop your medicine before surgery.

Do not stop taking your antiplatelet medicine without talking to your doctor.

- ♥ Stopping antiplatelet medicines without your doctor's advice may increase the chance of a heart attack or stroke occurring.



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What are the possible side effects?

- ♥ Aspirin may cause stomach irritation. Take it with or after food to minimise this effect.
- ♥ Antiplatelet medicines may increase the risk of bleeding. Tell your doctor if you notice any signs of bleeding (such as abnormal bruising, nose bleeds, or black or bloody bowel motions) or if you are injured while you are taking an antiplatelet medicine.
- ♥ Shortness of breath or breathlessness may occur with ticagrelor in the first few weeks of starting treatment. Speak to your doctor if you experience these symptoms.
- ♥ Read the consumer medicines information leaflet or speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like more information about possible side effects.



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