

Ticagrelor

Information for Patients

You have been given a medicine called Ticagrelor.

Why has my doctor given me ticagrelor?

Ticagrelor is usually used in patients who have symptoms of angina at rest or who have had a heart attack to reduce the risk of having a further heart attack or stroke.

Ticagrelor is normally combined with aspirin for up to 12 months after having a heart attack.

Check with your doctor if you are still not sure why you need ticagrelor.

How does it work?

Ticagrelor helps to prevent blood clots forming in blood vessels which feed the brain and heart muscle. Clots can block these vessels causing stroke or heart attack.

How should I take my ticagrelor?

Always follow the instructions on the label, however, this will usually mean taking one tablet twice a day for up to 12 months, unless your doctor tells you differently. Do not stop taking this medicine without talking to your doctor.

What are the side effects of ticagrelor?

All drugs have side effects but most people will not experience them. If you experience a rash, worsening or new shortness of breath, indigestion-like symptoms or your bowel motions change colour or become black, contact your doctor for further advice.

The following can occur in some people:

- bruising
- nosebleeds
- headache or dizziness
- constipation or diarrhoea

Can I take other medicines while taking ticagrelor?

Yes, but some other medicines can interact with ticagrelor. It is important that you check with your doctor or pharmacist before taking any other medicines, including those that you buy over the counter. Avoid taking cold and flu remedies that contain aspirin. A suitable alternative for pain relief is paracetamol.

This leaflet is not intended as a substitute for any advice that your doctor, nurse or pharmacist may give you.

More detailed information can be obtained from the manufacturers information leaflet.

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