



## Brilinta

### Drug Name

Ticagrelor

### What is it used for

Ticagrelor is an antiplatelet medication. It stops platelets in your blood from sticking together, which reduce the chance of blood clots from forming. Ticagrelor is used for people who have had a heart attack, chest pain or stroke, caused by blood clots.

### How to take this drug

This medication should be taken twice a day. Take your doses of Ticagrelor around the same times every day. If you forget to take your scheduled dose of Ticagrelor, take your next dose at its scheduled time. Do **NOT** take two doses at the same time unless your doctor tells you to. **Always inform your doctor or pharmacist you are taking Brilinta before starting other medications, including over-the-counter medications and supplements.**

### Before taking this medication it is important to tell your Doctor if you:

- Have had bleeding problems in the past
- Have had any recent serious injury or surgery
- Plan to have surgery or a dental procedure
- Have a history of stomach ulcers or colon polyps
- Have lung problems, such as COPD or asthma
- Have liver problems
- Have a history of stroke

### Side effects

Side effects occur in some people taking this medication. If they are troublesome to you, speak to your doctor or pharmacist.

- **Shortness of breath** (Dyspnoea). This is the most common side effect however, please don't stop taking the medication and speak to your doctor).
- Easily bruised
- Headache
- Nausea
- Bloody noses

### Other important facts

- It is very important to tell your doctor immediately if you have:
  - Bloody or black bowel motions
  - Vomit blood or your vomit looks like coffee grounds
  - Coughing blood
  - Blood in your urine
  - Faintness or dizziness

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