



Clopidogrel

Drug Name	Brand Name
Clopidogrel	Plavix Iscover

What is it used for?

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

How to take this drug

This medication should be taken regularly. If a dose is missed, take it as soon as you remember, unless it is nearly time for your next dose, where you should take the normal dose at your usual time. It does not matter if clopidogrel is taken before or after a meal.

Take this medication only as the directions say on the pharmacy label.

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

- Are pregnant or plan to become pregnant
- Are breast feeding
- Are taking any other medications including ones purchased without a script

Side Effects

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

- Rash, itching
- Diarrhoea
- Easy bruising

It is very important to tell your doctor immediately if you have:

- **Bloody or black bowel actions**
- **Abdominal or stomach pain**
- **Vomit blood or your vomit looks like coffee grounds**
- **Coughing blood**
- **Blood in your urine**
- **Numbness, problems with coordination/speech**
- **Faintness or dizziness**
- **Continuous headache**

Other important facts

- Your doctor or dentist needs to know you are on this medication before any procedures or operations
- Do not leave Clopidogrel in the car or in a hot area
- Never share your medication with others
- Keep the medicine out of reach of children

If you have any queries about your medications, talk to your Doctor or pharmacist. This information is only designed for use as an educational aid and is general in nature.

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