

APIXABAN (also called ELIQUIS®)

What is Apixaban (Eliquis®)?

- Medicine used to lower risk of blood clots and stroke.
- Decreases your body's ability to make a clot.

What should I watch for when taking Apixaban (Eliquis®)?

Major things to watch for when taking Apixaban are bleeding, clotting and allergy signs.

- Bleeding signs to watch for:
 - Bruises that happen for no reason or get bigger
 - Gum bleeding
 - Nose bleeds
 - Heavier than normal menstrual or vaginal bleeding
- Clotting signs to watch for:
 - Redness, swelling, tenderness, or warmth in any limbs
 - Increased pain in the area where you already have a clot
- Allergy signs to watch for:
 - Hives
 - Rash
 - Itching

You/your child should go to the emergency room for any of the following signs:

- Bleeding:
 - Bleeding you cannot stop or is severe
 - Pink or brown-colored urine
 - Red or black, tarry stools
 - Coughing up blood or blood clots
 - Vomiting blood or if your vomit looks like "coffee grounds"
 - Internal head bleeding most often from trauma or injury: severe, uncontrolled headache; nausea or vomiting; difficulty walking or talking; extreme tiredness; difficulty with waking up; high-pitched crying in a child on this medicine
- Clotting:
 - Signs of a deep vein clot:
 - Redness, swelling, tenderness, or warmth in any limbs
 - Increased pain in the area where you already have a clot
 - Signs of a blood clot in the lungs (pulmonary embolus):
 - Severe, sudden shortness of breath
 - Chest pain
 - Coughing up blood or blood clots

- Signs of a stroke:
 - Dizziness, sudden loss of vision, or sudden severe headache
 - Numbness or weakness in any limb
 - Difficulty speaking or slurred speech
 - Drooping of one side of your face
- Severe allergic reaction:
 - Chest pain or tightness
 - Swelling of your face or tongue
 - Trouble breathing or wheezing
 - Feeling dizzy or faint

What else should I know about Apixaban (Eliquis®)?

- Taken by mouth twice a day – with or without food.
- May crush tablet and mix with food or water if needed for easier swallowing.
- Does not require labs for monitoring.
- Store at room temperature in a dry place (avoid storing in the bathroom).
- Let your doctor know if you have any problems with your kidneys, previous stomach bleeding or ulcers.
- Tell your doctor all the medicines you/your child take (this includes over-the-counter medicines and herbal supplements) and any new ones that are prescribed.
- Do not take any ASA or NSAIDs unless you speak with your doctor first.
- Tell your doctor if you/your child need any surgeries or procedures, including major dental work.
- Sports participation must be discussed with the doctor as some may increase the risk of bleeding while taking Apixaban.
- Tell your doctor if you become pregnant or plan to breastfeed while taking Apixaban as it is not recommended during these times.
- If you miss a dose take it right away when you remember but do not double a dose.
- If you suspect an overdose, go to the emergency room right away.
- Do not stop taking Apixaban suddenly as this may increase the risk of having a stroke or blood clot.

You/your child's reason for needing Apixaban: _____

Apixaban dose you/your child will be taking at home: _____

Date to be seen in clinic for follow-up: _____

Phone number to call with any questions or concerns: _____