

PATIENT ALERT CARD

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Pradaxa®
Dabigatran etexilate

- Keep this card with you at all times
- Make sure to use the latest version

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Dear Patient,

Your doctor has initiated treatment with Pradaxa® (dabigatran etexilate). In order to use Pradaxa® safely, please consider the important information inside. As this patient alert card contains important information about your treatment, please carry this card with you at all times to inform healthcare professionals about your intake of Pradaxa®.



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Pradaxa® Information for Patients

- Follow your doctor's instructions when taking Pradaxa®.
- Pradaxa® makes your blood less "sticky", prevents clot formation and reduces your risk of suffering from a stroke or other complications.
- However, this may increase the risk of bleeding.
- In case of a bleeding event which does not stop spontaneously, immediately inform your doctor.
- In the case of bleeding, please contact your doctor before stopping the intake of Pradaxa®.

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- If you fall or injure yourself during treatment, especially if you hit your head, please seek urgent medical attention. You may need to be checked by a doctor, as you may be at increased risk of bleeding.
- Signs and symptoms of bleeding events might be haematoma of the skin, tar stools, blood in urine, nose bleed, etc.
- If surgical or invasive procedures need to be performed, inform the treating physician about your intake of Pradaxa® prior to the intervention.
- Do not stop the intake of Pradaxa® without talking to your doctor.

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- Take Pradaxa® regularly as instructed and do not miss a dose.
- Inform your doctor about all medicines you are currently taking.
- Pradaxa® can be taken with or without food. The capsule should be swallowed whole with a glass of water, to ensure delivery to the stomach. Do not break, chew, or empty the pellets from the capsule since this may increase the risk of bleeding.

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Pradaxa® Information for Healthcare Professionals

- Pradaxa® is an oral anticoagulant acting by direct thrombin inhibition.
- In case of surgical or other invasive procedure, Pradaxa® needs to be stopped in advance (for details, see Summary of Product Characteristics).
- In case of major bleeding events, Pradaxa® must be stopped immediately.
- Since Pradaxa® is eliminated predominantly by the kidneys, adequate diuresis must be maintained. Pradaxa® is dialyzable.

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- A specific reversal agent (Praxbind®) is available (for details and more advice to reverse the anticoagulant effect of Pradaxa®, see Summary of Product Characteristics of Pradaxa® and Praxbind®).

Please complete this section or ask your doctor to do it.

Patient Information

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Name of the patient

Date of birth

Indication for anticoagulation

Dosage of Pradaxa®

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