

DIPYRIDAMOLE

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What does it do?

Dipyridamole is used to prevent clots forming in your blood. It reduces your risk of having a stroke.

How should you take it?

Take *dipyridamole* regularly as directed with a glass of water.

Swallow the slow release tablets whole.

What if you forget a dose?

Take the missed dose as soon as possible. If it is close to the time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and carry on as normal. Do not take two doses at the same time.

Can you take other medicines?

Some medicines available without a prescription may react with *dipyridamole* including:

- antacids (e.g. Mylanta®)
- ranitidine (e.g. Zantac®)
- omeprazole (e.g. Losec®)

Tell your pharmacist or doctor about all medicines or treatments that you may be taking, including vitamins, herbal products (e.g. ginkgo) or recreational drugs.

What side effects might you notice?

Side Effects	Recommended action
Dizziness Change in heartbeat, chest pain	Tell your doctor
Headache Stomach upset Muscle aches and pains Flushing	Tell your doctor if troublesome

If you notice any other effects, discuss them with your doctor or pharmacist.

Other information:

- Tell your doctor if you have heart problems (such as angina) or liver problems, or a chronic muscle condition (e.g. myasthenia gravis).
- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.
- It is important to tell anyone who gives you medical or dental treatment that you are taking *dipyridamole*.
- Do not take indigestion remedies within 2 hours of *dipyridamole*.