

# BIVALIRUDIN

*biv-al-ih-roo-din*

## What does it do?

*Bivalirudin* is used to treat and prevent clots in your blood.

## Before you start

- Tell your doctor if you have kidney or bleeding problems.
- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.

## How is it given?

*Bivalirudin* is given as an infusion or a slow injection into a vein.

## Can you take other medicines?

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

## What side effects might you notice?

Side Effects	Recommended action
Reduced number of blood cells that help your blood to clot - symptoms include: easy or unusual bruising or bleeding Coughing or vomiting of blood, vomit that looks like coffee grounds Nose bleeds Red or dark brown urine, red or black bowel motions Headache, dizziness, changes in vision or speech Symptoms of allergy including: skin rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing	Tell your doctor immediately
Pain, tenderness or redness at injection site	Tell your doctor if troublesome

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