Te Whatu Ora
Health New Zealand
Waitaha Canterbury

DIPYRIDAMOLE

dye-per-rid-ah-mole

What does it do?

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

Before you start

- Tell your doctor if you have heart problems (such as angina), or low blood pressure.
- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.

How should you take it?

Take *dipyridamole* regularly as directed with a glass of water. You can take it with or without food.

Slow release tablet: Swallow whole – do not crush or chew.

What if you forget a dose?

If it is nearly time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and take your next dose at the usual time. Otherwise, take the missed dose as soon as you remember. Do not take two doses at the same time.

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
Dizziness	Tell your doctor
Headache	Common when you first start - if it continues or is severe, tell your doctor.
Stomach upset	Tell your doctor if troublesome

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

Other information:

- It is important to tell anyone who gives you medical or dental treatment that you are taking *dipyridamole*.