When you must not take it

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Dipyridamole/Aspirin SR in children.

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Ask your doctor or pharmacist:

• if there is anything you do not understand in
  this leaflet,
• if you are worried about taking your
  medicine, or
• to obtain the most up-to-date information.

You can also download the most up-to-date

All medicines have risks and benefits. Your
doctor has weighed the risks of you using this
medicine against the benefits they expect it will
have for you.

Pharmaceutical companies cannot give you
medical advice or an individual diagnosis.

Keep this leaflet with your medicine. You may
want to read it again.

What this medicine is used for

The name of your medicine is APO-
Dipyridamole/Aspirin Modified Release
Capsules.

It contains the active ingredients dipyridamole
and aspirin.

This medicine helps prevent recurrence of stroke in
people who have had a previous stroke or
transient ischaemic attack (TIA).

Ask your doctor if you have any questions about
why this medicine has been prescribed for you.
Your doctor may have prescribed this medicine
for another reason.

This medicine is available only with a doctor's
prescription.

How it works

This medicine works by preventing blood clots from
forming. The ability of this medicine to
prevent blood clots is due to its effect on blood
cells known as platelets.

There is no evidence that this medicine is
addictive.

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Do not take this medicine if:

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  following:
  - fructose intolerance. Each capsule contains
    4.56 mg sucrose resulting in 9.12 mg sucrose
    per maximum recommended daily dose.
    - severe kidney disease
    - taking the medicine ketorolac
    - more than 6 months pregnant
    - an ulcer of the stomach or intestine, or
    - any condition that increases your risk of
      bleeding

• You are pregnant.

Dipyridamole/Aspirin may affect your
developing baby if you take it during
pregnancy.

• You are breastfeeding.

The active ingredient in
Dipyridamole/Aspirin SR passes into breast
milk.

• You are hypersensitive to, or have had an
  allergic reaction to:
  - dipyridamole
  - aspirin, or NSAIDs, non-steroidal anti-
    inflammatory medicines
  - or any of the ingredients listed at the end of
    this leaflet.

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include: cough, shortness of breath,
wheezing or difficulty breathing; swelling of
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• Do not give Dipyridamole/Aspirin SR to
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viral infection (with or without a fever)
except on doctor's advice.

The aspirin component of this medicine can
cause a very rare disease called 'Reye's
Syndrome' if given to children or adolescents
who have a fever or a viral infection (with or
without a fever).

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has passed.

The packaging is torn, shows signs of
tampering or it does not look quite right.

Before you start to take it

Before you start taking this medicine, tell your
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   - any other medicines
   - any other substances, such as foods,
     preservatives or dyes.

2. You have or have had any medical
   conditions, especially the following:
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     bleeding
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   - gallstones
   - asthma
   - hay fever
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     nose (e.g. nasal polyps)
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Taking other medicines

Some medicines may interact with
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• corticotropin (substances which control the
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• quinidine
• sodium valproate
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• alcohol
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  SSRIs (used in the treatment of depression)
• zafirlukast

APO-Dipyridamole/Aspirin
Modified Release Capsules
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Consumer Medicine Information

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• aspirin or other NSAIDs (e.g. diclofenac, ibuprofen)
• any medicine that promotes the excretion of uric acid in the urine (e.g. probenecid, sulphinpyrazone)
• any medicine which prevents blood cells from clotting (e.g. epifibatide, ticlopidine, clopidogrel, tirofiban)

If you are taking any of these you may need a different dose or you may need to take different medicines.

Other medicines not listed above may also interact with dipyridamole and aspirin.

Your doctor and pharmacist have more information on medicines to be careful with or avoid while taking this medicine.

How to take this medicine

Follow carefully all directions given to you by your doctor. Their instructions may be different to the information in this leaflet.

How much to take

The recommended dose for adults is one capsule twice a day.

In some cases you may experience headache when you first start this medicine at the recommended dose.

See your doctor if this occurs.

Your doctor may then change your dose for about one week. The changed dose will be one capsule at bedtime and low dose aspirin (for example, aspirin 75 mg, 100 mg or 150 mg) in the morning. After this time, your doctor will put you back onto your normal dose.

How to take it

Swallow the capsule whole without chewing.

When to take it

Take this medicine at the same time each day, usually one in the morning and one in the evening, and preferably with meals.

Taking it at the same time each day will have the best effect and will also help you remember when to take it.

How long to take it for

Continue taking your medicine for as long as your doctor tells you.

This medicine helps control your condition, but do not stop taking it while you are taking this medicine. Your symptoms may return if you stop taking this medicine.

If you forget to take it

If it is almost time to take your next dose, skip the missed dose and take your next dose at the usual time. Otherwise, take it as soon as you remember and then go back to taking your medicine as you would normally.

Do not take a double dose to make up for missed doses.

This may increase the chance of you experiencing side effects.

If you are not sure what to do, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

If you have trouble remembering to take your medicine, ask your pharmacist for some hints to help you remember.

If you take too much (overdose)

If you think that you or anyone else may have taken too much of this medicine, immediately telephone your doctor or the Poisons Information Centre (Tel: 13 11 26 in Australia) for advice. Alternatively, go to the Accident and Emergency department at your nearest hospital.

Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning. You may need urgent medical attention.

Signs of overdose may include feeling warm, flushing, sweating, restlessness, dizziness, weakness, rapid breathing, ringing in the ears, nausea, vomiting, vision and hearing disturbances and confusion. There may be effects on the heart and circulation causing chest pain, an increase in heart rate and a drop in blood pressure. In severe overdose, symptoms may include severe mental confusion, shaking, difficulty in breathing, sweating, bleeding, dehydration, reduced body temperature and coma.

While you are taking this medicine

Things you must do

Tell your doctor that you are taking this medicine if:
• you are taking any other medicines or are about to be started on a new medicine
This applies to all medicines obtained with or without a doctor’s prescription.
• If you experience a headache or migraine-like headache, especially when you start taking this medicine. Do not treat the headache or migraine-like headache with analgesic doses of aspirin.
• you plan to have ‘pharmacological stress testing’, surgery or other treatment (even at the dentist).

Tell any other doctors, dentists and pharmacists who are treating you that you take this medicine.

Things you must not do

Do not:
• Give this medicine to anyone else, even if their symptoms seem similar to yours.
• Take your medicine to treat any other condition unless your doctor tells you to.
• Stop taking your medicine, or change the dosage, without first checking with your doctor.

Things to be careful of

Be careful when driving or operating machinery until you know how this medicine affects you.

This medicine may cause dizziness and confusion in some people. If you have any of these symptoms, do not drive, operate machinery or do anything else that could be dangerous.

Possible side effects

Tell your doctor as soon as possible if you experience any side effect during or after using this medicine, so that these may be properly treated.

Allergic reactions

If you think you are having an allergic reaction to this medicine, do not take any more of this medicine and tell your doctor immediately or go to the Accident and Emergency department at your nearest hospital.

You may require urgent medical attention.

Symptoms of an allergic reaction may include some or all of the following:
• cough, shortness of breath, wheezing or difficulty breathing
• swelling of the face, lips, tongue, throat or other parts of the body
• rash, itching or hives on the skin
• fainting
• hay fever-like symptoms.

In addition, other side effects not listed above may also occur in some patients.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice anything unusual, during or after taking this medicine.

Storage and disposal

Storage

Keep your medicine in its original packaging until it is time to take it.

If you take your medicine out of its original packing it may not keep well.
Keep your medicine in a cool dry place where the temperature will stay below 25°C.

Do not store your medicine, or any other medicine, in the bathroom or near a sink. Do not leave it on a window sill or in the car. Heat and dampness can destroy some medicines.

Keep this medicine where children cannot reach it.
A locked cupboard at least one-and-a-half metres above the ground is a good place to store medicines.

Disposal
If your doctor or pharmacist tells you to stop taking this medicine or it has passed its expiry date, your pharmacist can dispose of the remaining medicine safely.

Product description

What APO-Dipyridamole/Aspirin Modified Release Capsules looks like
The gelatin shell of the capsule consists of a red opaque cap and an ivory opaque body.
Available in blister packs of 60 capsules.

Ingredients
Each capsule contains:
• 200 mg of dipyridamole in a sustained-release form and
• 25 mg of aspirin in a standard (immediate) release form.
It also contains the following inactive ingredients:
• tartaric acid
• povidone
• methacrylic acid copolymer (Eudragit S 100)
• talc
• acacia
• hypromellose
• hypromellose phthalate
• simethicone
• cetostearyl alcohol ethoxylate
• sodium benzoate
• triacetin
• stearic acid
• microcrystalline cellulose
• starch pregelatinised
• sucrose
• gelatin
• and the colouring agents:
• titanium dioxide
• iron oxide red (E172) and
• iron oxide yellow (E172).
This medicine is gluten-free, contains sucrose.

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