

Clopidogrel 600mg tablets

An information guide



Clopidogrel 600mg tablets

Your doctor has recommended that you have Percutaneous Coronary Intervention (PCI).

Why do I need to have Clopidogrel?

If you require a stent, then you must have extra thin blood for the procedure. This will reduce the risk of blood clots developing when the stent is placed in position in the coronary artery, as a blood clot may become a heart attack.

To ensure your blood is extra thin for the procedure, and to reduce the risk of developing blood clots, you have been given a total of 600mg of Clopidogrel tablets to take the night before you come to Ward 1 at Fairfield General Hospital.

Why 600mg of Clopidogrel?

The Clopidogrel dose of 600mg is “off label” use of a licensed drug. This means that using Clopidogrel at this strength is outside its licensed indication. However Clopidogrel 600mg is the usual dose given before having stents.

This dose reduces the risk of clots developing during the procedure. Clopidogrel is a licensed drug and has been rigorously studied and trialled.

Clopidogrel 600mg is recommended by your consultant cardiologist, is supported by research and studies, and is usual and accepted clinical practice within the speciality of interventional cardiology.

When should I take the Clopidogrel tablets and what should I do with my normal tablets?

If you are taking Warfarin or other blood thinning tablets such as Apixaban/Rivaroxaban/Dabigatran you should already have been informed of when to stop taking it. If not, please contact the cardiology specialist nurse on 0161 778 2450 or Ward 1 on 0161 778 2501.

- **1** - The evening before you come into Ward 1, take all the Clopidogrel tablets (8 of the 75mg tablets), a total of 600mg, with a glass of water.
- **2** - Take all your usual tablets as you would normally. Continue to take your Aspirin and Clopidogrel if you are already prescribed it.
- **3** - The next morning, when you are coming into Ward 1, take all your usual morning tablets with a glass of water. If you take diabetes medications, these will have been discussed with you in clinic, refer to your individual diabetes plan discussed in clinic. Any questions please contact the cardiology specialist nurse on 0161 778 2450 or Ward 1 on 0161 778 2501.

What are the side effects of Clopidogrel?

The side effects of taking the 600mg dose of Clopidogrel may be dyspepsia (indigestion), abdominal pain, diarrhoea, bleeding disorders, bruising and itchy skin.

Refer to the patient information leaflet enclosed in the box of tablets if you require more detailed information.

If you have any questions about the Clopidogrel tablets please do not hesitate to contact the cardiology specialist nurse on 0161 778 2450 or Ward 1 on 0161 778 2501.

Do I need to still take Clopidogrel after the procedure?

After the procedure, you will be advised on Ward 1 about taking Clopidogrel regularly as a smaller dose of 75mgs daily, to reduce the risk of blood clots in the stent.

You must not stop taking the Clopidogrel unless you have been advised to do so by a cardiologist and you must inform any other doctors caring for you, and also your dentist, that you are taking Clopidogrel.

My date has changed for the procedure what should I do?

If your procedure is delayed you should keep your Clopidogrel tablets in the original box and store them in a safe place, out of the reach of children. Take your tablets as instructed in accordance with your new date for the procedure.

If your procedure is cancelled, you will not require the Clopidogrel tablets and should take the tablets to your local pharmacy or hospital pharmacy for disposal.

References

For further information on the references used in this leaflet please visit www.pat.nhs.uk.

Notes:

If English is not your first language and you need help, please contact the Interpretation and Translation Service

Jeśli angielski nie jest twoim pierwszym językiem i potrzebujesz pomocy, skontaktuj się z działem tłumaczeń ustnych i pisemnych

اگر انگریزی آپ کی پہلی زبان نہیں ہے اور آپ کو مدد کی ضرورت ہے تو ، براہ کرم ترجمانی اور ترجمہ خدمت سے رابطہ کریں

Dacă engleza nu este prima ta limbă și ai nevoie de ajutor, te rugăm să contactezi Serviciul de interpretare și traducere

ইংরাজী যদি আপনার প্রথম ভাষা না হয় এবং আপনার সাহায্যের প্রয়োজন হয় তবে অনুগ্রহ করে দোভাষী এবং অনুবাদ পরিষেবাটিতে যোগাযোগ করুন

إذا لم تكن الإنجليزية هي لغتك الأولى وتحتاج إلى مساعدة ، فيرجى الاتصال بخدمة الترجمة الشفوية والتحريرية

☎ : 0161 627 8770

@ : interpretation@pat.nhs.uk

To improve our care environment for Patients, Visitors and Staff, **Northern Care Alliance NHS Group** is Smoke Free including buildings, grounds & car parks.

For advice on stopping smoking contact the Specialist Stop Smoking Service on 01706 517 522

For general enquiries please contact the Patient Advice and Liaison Service (PALS) on 0161 604 5897

For enquiries regarding clinic appointments, clinical care and treatment please contact 0161 624 0420 and the Switchboard Operator will put you through to the correct department / service

The Northern Care Alliance NHS Group (NCA) is one of the largest NHS organisations in the country, employing 17,000 staff and providing a range of hospital and community healthcare services to around 1 million people across Salford, Oldham, Bury, Rochdale and surrounding areas. Our Care Organisations are responsible for providing our services, delivering safe, high quality and reliable care to the local communities they serve.

The NCA brings together Salford Royal NHS Foundation Trust and the hospitals and community services of The Royal Oldham Hospital, Fairfield General Hospital in Bury, and Rochdale Infirmary (currently part of The Pennine Acute Hospitals NHS Trust).

 www.facebook.com/NorthernCareAllianceNHSGroup

 www.linkedin.com/company/northern-care-alliance-nhs-group

 Northern Care Alliance NHS Group (NCA) @NCAlliance_NHS

Date of publication: November 2009

Date of review: January 2021

Date of next review: January 2023

Ref: PI(M)596

© The Northern Care Alliance NHS Group

www.pat.nhs.uk

www.northerncaalliance.nhs.uk

