Mini-Medical School



Medication Instruction – Pradaxa Capsule

用藥指導-Pradaxa (普栓達) 膠囊(英文)

Name of Product: Pradaxa Capsule

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Ingredient Content : Dabigatran etexilate 110 mg / 150 mg

Medicine appearance:

<u>110 mg</u> : light-blue / milky-white capsule, marked with <u>R110</u>.

<u>150 mg</u> : Light blue / milky-white capsule, marked with <u>R150</u>.

Effect : Anticoagulant (blood thinner), prevention and treatment of thrombosis and embolism (blood clots).

Application and Dosage

- Take one capsule by mouth twice a day. Pradaxa may be taken before or after meal.
- Please take the whole capsule with a full glass of plain water. Do not open the capsule. Breaking, chewing, or removing the capsule could increase the exposure of medicine.
- The length of treatment varies from individual' s health conditions. In general, the treatment is continued until the risk of blood clots is resolved.
- IF you forget to take the medicine, you may take the missed dose immediately when you recall. If the time you remember is less than 6 hours to the next dose, you should skip it and take next dose on the followig day. Do not double doses.

Storage

Store the medicine in tightly closed container at room temperature between 15 ~ 30 °C). Keep it away from excess moisture and avoid direct sun exposure. Store the medicine in a safe area and keep it out of reach by children.

Possible Adverse Reactions

If you present any abnormal bleeding or symptom shown below, contact physician or pharmacist immediately :

- Pain, swelling or discomfort in arms and legs, prolonged wound bleeding, increased menstrual flow or vaginal bleeding, unusual nose or gum bleeding, coughing up blood, red or dark-brown urine, red or black stool, skin contusion, bruises, or purpura, headache, dizziness and weakness.
- Back pain, numbness, tingling, or weakness in legs and feet, and stool or urine incontinence (lose control).

Special Medication Instructions

- Do not share you medicine with others.
- Take Pradaxa as directed. Pradaxa is usually taken twice daily.
- Do not change the dose or stop taking Pradaxa without your physician' s authorization to avoid increased risk of stroke.
- Make sure your physician, pharmacist, and dentist know that you are taking Pradaxa.
- If you are planned for surgery or tooth extraction, you should consult your physician if Pradaxa needs to be held.
- If you are pregnant or breastfeeding, have histories of severe kidney problems, bleeding disorders, gastric ulcer, or are undergoing spinal surgery, you should inform your physician before taking Pradaxa.
- Avoid exercises or activities that could get you hurt or bleed.
- For your medication safety, please consult your physician or pharmacist before taking any other medicines, nutritional supplements, or herbal medicines, particularly for anti-inflammatory pain medicines, aspirin, platelet aggregate inhibitors, or other antithrombotic agents (blood thinners).