

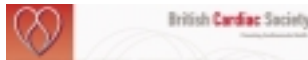
4. Taking clopidogrel may not be advisable before undergoing surgery so please check with your doctor if you are going to have an operation. Clopidogrel is a vital part of your treatment and minor surgery may have to be delayed.

5. Please check with your doctor if you start taking, or are prescribed, any of the following medicines:

- Non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs like ibuprofen, diclofenac, celecoxib or more than 300mg aspirin daily
- Dipyridamole
- Warfarin.

6. Please carry this card with you at all times, including when travelling abroad, and show it to anybody treating you (e.g. doctor, nurse, dentist or pharmacist).

For information about your specific treatment ring your hospital and ask to be put through to your ward. In an emergency ask for the cardiology registrar.



**Always carry this card with you**

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CLOPIDOGREL  
Plavix®

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UK Clinical Pharmacy Association

# Clopidogrel

Also known as Plavix®

Name: .....

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Hosp no: .....

Address: .....

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Tel: .....

Consultant: .....

Hospital: .....

You have been prescribed clopidogrel to prevent problems developing in your coronary arteries especially following placement of a stent. This medicine helps to prevent your blood clotting too easily.

Most people need a dose of 75mg (one tablet) per day and clopidogrel is usually taken in combination with 75mg aspirin daily.

Clopidogrel dose in mg ..... daily

Started on .....

Planned duration of clopidogrel treatment:

- 1 month     6 months     1 year  
 3 months     9 months     Lifelong

Other .....

Reason for starting clopidogrel:

- Stent, drug eluting  
 Stent, bare metal  
 Other .....

It is important  
to read the following:

1. You should not stop taking clopidogrel without first discussing it with a doctor, unless you think it is causing severe bleeding and you cannot contact an emergency doctor promptly.

2. If you experience any of the following side effects speak to a doctor immediately, before stopping clopidogrel:

- Blood in your urine or black tarry stools (bowel movement)
- Any other prolonged unexplained bleeding
- A rash.

3. You will usually be asked to continue taking aspirin even after you have finished your course of clopidogrel.

