Patient Alert Card
Apixaban

Carry this card with you at all times

Show this card to your pharmacist, dentist and any other healthcare professionals that treat you.

Information for patients

- Take apixaban regularly as instructed. If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember and continue to follow your dosing schedule.

- Do not stop taking apixaban without talking to your doctor, as you are at risk of suffering from a stroke or other complications.

- Apixaban helps to thin your blood. However, this may increase your risk of bleeding.

- Signs and symptoms of bleeding include bruising or bleeding under the skin, tar-coloured stools, blood in urine, nose-bleed, dizziness, tiredness, paleness or weakness, sudden severe headache, coughing up blood or vomiting blood.

- If the bleeding does not stop on its own, **seek medical attention immediately**.

- If you need surgery or any invasive procedure, inform your doctor that you are taking apixaban.

I am under anticoagulation treatment with apixaban to prevent blood clots

Information for healthcare professionals

- Apixaban is an oral anticoagulant acting by direct selective inhibition of factor Xa.
- Apixaban may increase the risk of bleeding. In case of major bleeding events, it should be stopped immediately.
- Treatment with apixaban does not require routine monitoring of exposure. A calibrated quantitative anti-Factor Xa assay may be useful in exceptional situations, e.g., overdose and emergency surgery. Clotting tests such as prothrombin time (PT), international normalised ratio (INR) and activated partial thromboplastin time (aPTT) are not recommended) – see SmPC.
- An agent to reverse the anti-factor Xa activity of apixaban is available.

Please complete this section or ask your doctor to do it

Name: _____

Birth date: _____

Indication: _____

Dose: _____ mg twice daily

Doctor's name: _____

Doctor's telephone: _____