Clopidogrel

Connect the DOTS

How does it work?

Clopidogrel helps prevent platelets, a type of blood cell, from clumping together and forming blood clots.

What is it used for?

It is used to help prevent heart attacks or strokes. It is also used before and after a stent is placed in a blood vessel that supplies blood to the heart muscle.

Are there any Side Effects?

Some effects that people may have had while taking this medicine include:

- Minor bleeding (if you cut or injure yourself you may notice it takes longer for the bleeding to stop)
- Bruising
- Diarrhea
- Headache / dizziness

Let your doctor know if you have:
- Bloody or black tarry stools
- Blood in urine
- Rash
- Severe stomach pain

Be sure to let your dentist, doctor or nurse practitioner (NP) know that you are taking this medicine.

How Do I Take It?

It is taken once daily. It may be taken with or without food. It is best to take it at the same time each day.

Take this medicine as directed by your doctor/NP.

If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you can. If it is almost time for your next dose, wait until then to take the medicine and skip the missed dose.
Do not use extra medicine to make up for the missed dose.

The length of time it is taken for depends on the condition being treated. Your doctor will tell you how long you are to take this medicine.

Do NOT stop taking this medicine without checking with your doctor/NP first!

Be sure to fill your prescription as soon as possible when discharged from the hospital.

Other names for Clopidogrel:

- Plavix

Please note that this information sheet does not contain complete information about Clopidogrel. If you need more information about this drug, be sure to ask your doctor or pharmacist.