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# Taking Eliquis safely

apixaban · blood thinner, 2 times a day

## 3 MISTAKES TO AVOID

**1 Stopping it on your own**
Stopping raises your risk of a blood clot or a stroke. Refill before you run out.

**2 Doubling up after a missed dose**
Take a missed dose the same day. Never take 2 doses at the same time.

**3 A pain pill without checking**
Some pain relievers and medicines raise bleeding risk. Ask your pharmacist first.

## How to take it

- **2 times every day.** Eliquis is a blood thinner that lowers the risk of stroke and dangerous blood clots.
- **Don't stop** because you feel fine or bruise more easily. Refill before your supply is gone.
- **Missed a dose?** Take it as soon as you remember on the same day. Never take 2 doses at the same time. The next day, go back to your usual schedule.
- **Surgery or dental work?** Ask the doctor who prescribed Eliquis when to stop it and when to start again.

## Check before you take it (mistake #3)

- **Raise bleeding risk:** regular ibuprofen or naproxen, aspirin, clopidogrel, other blood thinners, some depression medicines.
- **Make Eliquis work less well:** rifampin, carbamazepine, phenytoin, St. John's wort.
- Never stop a medicine your doctor prescribed. Tell your pharmacist about every prescription, OTC medicine, vitamin and herbal product.

**EMERGENCY: CALL 911**
**Bleeding that is severe, or that you cannot stop.**

## Call your doctor or get medical help right away for

- Bleeding that lasts a long time
- Red, pink or brown urine; red or black stools that look like tar
- Coughing up blood, or vomit that looks like coffee grounds
- Headaches, dizziness or weakness
- A fall or a hit to the head, even if you feel fine

**IMPORTANT**
**Epidural, spinal tap or spine surgery?** Tell the team you take Eliquis. Afterward, back pain, tingling, numbness, leg weakness, or losing bladder or bowel control needs help right away.

Not for people with artificial heart valves. **Pregnant or planning to be?** Talk with your provider. Don't breastfeed while taking Eliquis.

## Questions? Ask Dr. Mike at fairviewpharm.com/medications

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