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Taking Farxiga safely

dapagliflozin · once a day, with or without food

3 MISTAKES TO AVOID

1. **Not planning ahead for surgery**
   Your doctor may stop it at least 3 days before surgery.
2. **Getting dehydrated**
   Sick, eating or drinking less, or losing fluids? Call your doctor.
3. **Missing the signs of ketoacidosis**
   It can happen even when your blood sugar is below 250.

How to take it

- **Once a day, with or without food.** For type 2 diabetes, heart failure and chronic kidney disease.
- Sugar showing up on a urine test is expected with Farxiga.

Surgery (mistake #1)

- Surgery or a long fast raises the risk of ketoacidosis. **Your doctor may stop Farxiga at least 3 days before.** Tell your surgeon you take it, and ask when to stop and when to restart.
- It's usually restarted once you're eating and drinking again.

Dehydration (mistake #2)

- **Sick and eating or drinking less, or losing fluids** from vomiting, diarrhea or too much sun: call your doctor right away.
- Dehydration can make you dizzy, faint or weak, especially when you stand up, and can hurt your kidneys. Water pills and a low-salt diet raise the risk.

EMERGENCY: CALL 911
Swelling of your face, lips, tongue or throat, with trouble breathing or swallowing: stop Farxiga and get emergency help.

IMPORTANT
Ketoacidosis: nausea, vomiting, stomach pain, tiredness or trouble breathing, even with blood sugar below 250. Stop Farxiga and call your doctor or get medical help right away. If you can, check your urine or blood for ketones. Heavy drinking raises your risk.

Call your doctor for

- Burning when you urinate, or signs of a yeast infection
- Low blood sugar if you also take insulin or a sulfonylurea
- **Right away:** a fever or feeling very weak, with pain, redness or swelling between and around the genitals and the anus

Pregnancy: Farxiga may harm an unborn baby. Talk with your doctor; you may be switched to a different medicine. Don't breastfeed while taking Farxiga.

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

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