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Package leaflet:
Information for the patient

Dipyridamole 25mg and 100mg tablets

Read all of this leaflet carefully before you start taking this medicine because it contains important information for you.
- Keep this leaflet. You may need to read it again.
- If you have any further questions, ask your doctor or pharmacist.
- This medicine has been prescribed for you only. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their signs of illness are the same as yours.
- If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor or pharmacist. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. See section 4.

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1 What Dipyridamole tablets are and what they are used for

Dipyridamole tablets belong to the group of medicines known as "antithrombotic agents". They are used to prevent blood clots which may occur if you have had your heart valves replaced. You will normally also be receiving other medicines to prevent your blood clotting.

2 What you need to know before you take Dipyridamole tablets

Do not take Dipyridamole tablets and **tell** your doctor if you:
- are **allergic** (hypersensitive) to dipyridamole or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (listed in section 6).

Warnings and Precautions
Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking Dipyridamole tablets if you:
- have narrowing of the aortic valve in the heart (**aortic stenosis**)
- suffer from **angina**, especially if the symptoms are getting worse or **other heart problems** (including circulatory problems)
- have **recently had a heart attack**
- suffer from problems with **blood clotting**
- have **low blood pressure**
- have **heart failure**
- suffer with muscle weakness (**myasthenia gravis**)
- suffer with **migraines** (Dipyridamole may make them worse)
- have **severe coronary artery disease**
- have **left ventricular outflow obstruction**.

Other medicines and Dipyridamole tablets
Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines, including medicines obtained without a prescription. Especially:
- aspirin to thin the blood
- anticoagulants (*e.g.* warfarin) to stop blood clotting
- indigestion remedies
- adenosine for irregular heartbeats
- cholinesterase inhibitors (for muscle weakness)
- medicines for high blood pressure.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding
If you are pregnant or breast-feeding, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking this medicine.

Driving and using machines
You may feel dizzy while taking Dipyridamole tablets. If this happens do not drive or operate machinery.

Dipyridamole tablets contain lactose and sunset yellow
If you have been told by your doctor that you have an intolerance to some sugars, contact your doctor before taking this medicinal product. Dipyridamole 25mg tablets contain sunset yellow (E110) which can cause allergic reactions including asthma. Allergy is more common in people who are allergic to aspirin.

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3 How to take Dipyridamole tablets

Always take Dipyridamole tablets exactly as your doctor has told you. If you are not sure, check with your doctor or pharmacist.

Swallow the tablets **with water before meals.**

Doses:

- Adults (including elderly): 300-600mg a day in 3 or 4 divided doses.
- Children: 5mg per kg of bodyweight a day in divided doses.

If you take more Dipyridamole tablets than you should

If you (or someone else) swallow a lot of tablets at the same time, or you think a child may have swallowed any, contact your nearest hospital casualty department or tell your doctor immediately. Signs of an overdose include a warm feeling, sweating, feeling weak, dizziness, low blood pressure and chest pain in patients with heart disease.

If you forget to take Dipyridamole tablets

If you forget to take a dose, take it as soon as you remember, unless it is nearly time for your next dose. Then go on as before. Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose.

If you have any further questions on the use of this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

4 Possible side effects

Like all medicines, Dipyridamole tablets can cause side effects, particularly when you first start taking it, although not everybody gets them. If these occur, it is usually during the early part of treatment and with higher doses.

Contact your doctor at once if you develop any of the following rare allergic reactions:

- breathing difficulties including feeling breathless
- large welts or swelling of the skin near the eyes, lips, hands, feet or inside of the throat
- severe rash with itching.

Dipyridamole tablets may occasionally cause a throbbing headache which normally disappears when the dose is reduced.

Other side effects include:

Very common (may affect more than 1 in 10 people):

- dizziness
- headache
- feeling sick, diarrhoea.

Common (may affect up to 1 in 10 people):

- muscle pain
- worsening of the symptoms of heart disease such as chest pain and shortness of breath
- being sick
- rash.

Not known (frequency cannot be estimated from the available data):

- increased bruising or prolonged bleeding (thrombocytopenia)
- increased resting heart rate (tachycardia)
- increased bleeding during or after surgery
- lowering of blood pressure
- hot flushes.

Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in this leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via the Yellow Card Scheme at: www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard or search for MHRA Yellow Card in the Google Play or Apple App Store. By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

5 How to store Dipyridamole tablets

Keep out of the sight and reach of children.
Store below 25°C in a dry place, protected from light.
Do not use Dipyridamole tablets after the expiry date which is stated on the label/carton/bottle after EXP. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.
Do not throw away any medicines via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to throw away medicines you no longer use. These measures will help to protect the environment.

6 Contents of the pack and other information

What Dipyridamole tablets contain

- The active substance (the ingredient that makes the tablet work) is dipyridamole. Each tablet contains either 25mg or 100mg of the active ingredient.
- The other ingredients are lactose, maize starch, magnesium stearate, polyvidone, propylene glycol, quinolone yellow (E104- 25mg only), sunset yellow (E110- 25mg only), indigo carmine (E132- 25mg only), titanium dioxide (E171), methylhydroxypropylcellulose (E464), purified talc (E553).

What Dipyridamole tablets look like and contents of the pack

Dipyridamole 25mg tablets are orange film-coated tablets.
Dipyridamole 100mg tablets are white film-coated tablets.

Pack sizes are 84 tablets

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