

# **Rivaroxaban Sandoz ▼**

## **10 mg, 15 mg and 20 mg Film-coated tablets**

### **PATIENT ALERT CARD**

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#### **What should I know about Rivaroxaban?**

Rivaroxaban thins the blood, which prevents you from getting dangerous blood clots.

Rivaroxaban must be taken exactly as prescribed by your doctor. To ensure optimal protection from blood clots, **never skip a dose.**

You must not stop taking rivaroxaban without first talking to your doctor as your risk of blood clots may increase.

Tell your health care provider about any other medicines you are currently taking, took recently or intend to start taking, before you start Rivaroxaban.

Tell your healthcare provider that you are taking Rivaroxaban before any surgery or invasive procedure.

#### **When should I seek advice from my health care provider?**

When taking a blood thinner such as Rivaroxaban it is important to be aware of its possible side effects. Bleeding is the most common side effect. Do not start taking rivaroxaban if you know you are at risk of bleeding, without first discussing this with your doctor. Tell your health care provider straight away if you have any signs or symptoms of bleeding such as the following:

- pain
- swelling or discomfort
- headache, dizziness or weakness
- unusual bruising, nosebleeds, bleeding of gums, cuts that take a long time to stop bleeding
- menstrual flow or vaginal bleeding that is heavier than normal
- blood in your urine which may be pink or brown, red or black stools
- coughing up blood, or vomiting blood or material that looks like coffee grounds

#### **How do I take Rivaroxaban?**

To ensure optimal protection, Rivaroxaban

- 10 mg can be taken with or without food
- 15 mg must be taken with food
- 20 mg must be taken with food

#### **Keep this card with you at all times**

#### **Present this card to every physician or dentist prior to treatment**

▼ This medicinal product is subject to additional monitoring. This will allow quick identification of new safety information. Healthcare professionals are asked to report any suspected adverse reactions.

Suspected adverse reactions and medication errors associated with the use of Rivaroxaban Sandoz should be reported to:

Malta Medicines Authority, Sir Temi Zammit Buildings, Malta Life Sciences Park, San Gwann. SGN 3000.

Or at: [www.medicinesauthority.gov.mt/adrportal](http://www.medicinesauthority.gov.mt/adrportal).

Alternatively at: Novartis Country Patient Safety, by phone on +356 21222872 or e-mail at [drug\\_safety.malta@novartis.com](mailto:drug_safety.malta@novartis.com).

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**I am under anticoagulation treatment with rivaroxaban**

Name: _____	Other Medications /Conditions: _____
Adress: _____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
_____	_____
Birth date: _____	Weight: _____

**In case of emergency, please notify:**

Doctor's name: _____
Doctor's Phone: _____
Doctor's Stamp: _____

**Please also notify:**

Name: _____
Phone: _____
Relationship: _____

**Information for health care providers:**

- ❖ INR values should not be used as they are not a dependable measure of the anticoagulant activity of Rivaroxaban.