

What should I know about Xarelto®?

- ◆ Xarelto® thins the blood, which prevents you from dangerous blood clots.
- ◆ Xarelto® 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 Xarelto® without first talking to your doctor as your risk of blood clots may increase.
- ◆ Speak to your health care provider prior to any intake of other medication.
- ◆ Inform your health care providers about Xarelto® intake prior to any surgery or invasive procedure.

When should I seek advice from my health care provider?

When taking a blood thinner such as Xarelto® it is important to be aware of its possible side effects. Bleeding is the most common side effect. Do not start taking Xarelto® if you are at risk of abnormal bleeding, without first discussing this with your doctor.

Tell your health care provider right 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, bleeding from cuts that take a long time to stop
- ◆ menstrual flow or vaginal bleeding that is heavier than normal
- ◆ pink or brown urine, red or black stools
- ◆ coughing up blood, or vomiting blood or material that looks like coffee grounds

How do I take Xarelto®?

- ◆ To ensure optimal protection, Xarelto® 15 mg and 20 mg must be taken with food.

Who to contact in case of a side-effect with Xarelto®

In case of any suspected side-effect with Xarelto®, you should immediately report to:

**Medicines Authority Post-licensing Directorate,
203, Level 3, Rue D'Argens,
Gżira GZR 1368,
MALTA,**

or at:

<http://www.medicinesauthority.gov.mt/pub/adr.doc>

Patient Card

Xarelto® 15 mg
Xarelto® 20 mg



- ◆ Keep this card with you at all times
- ◆ Present this card to every physician or dentist prior to treatment

