

APO-DIPYRIDAMOLE TABLET

Dipyridamole (25mg, 75mg)

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What Apo-Dipyridamole is used for

Apo-Dipyridamole is indicated for the use of:

- Coronary artery disease: to reduce the rate of recurrent heart attack
- Chronic angina pectoris: to reduce or eliminate the frequency of angina (chest pain) attacks
- Thromboembolic disease: to reduce the risk of blood clots after heart valve replacement.

How Apo-Dipyridamole works

Apo-Dipyridamole belongs to the platelet aggregation inhibitor group. Platelets are blood cells that assist in blood clotting. Dipyridamole helps to keep blood flowing by stopping platelets from clumping together and by keeping heart blood vessels open.

Before you use Apo-Dipyridamole

- When you must not use it

Do not use this product if you are allergic to Dipyridamole or any other ingredients in this medication (Refer to Product Description)

Pregnancy and lactation

Do not take Apo-Dipyridamole if you are pregnant, trying to get pregnant or think you may be pregnant.

Do not take Apo-Dipyridamole if you are breast-feeding. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicine.

- Before you start to use it

Before you start to use Apo-Dipyridamole, your doctor needs to know if you have any other medical condition that require attention, in particular, hypotension (low blood pressure) or Myasthenia gravis (rapid fatigue or weakness of the muscle).

Use in Children: The safety and effectiveness of dipyridamole have not been established in the pediatric population.

- Taking other medicines

Tell your doctor if you are taking any other medicines, including any that you buy without a prescription from a pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

Some medication might interact with Apo-Dipyridamole when taken together, which includes:

- Xanthine derivatives (found in coffee, tea)
- Anticoagulants
- Blood pressure lowering medications

How to use Apo-Dipyridamole

- How much to use

Follow all directions given to you by your doctor and pharmacist carefully. They may differ from the information contained in this leaflet. If you do not understand the instructions on the label, ask your doctor or pharmacist for help.

Thromboembolic Disease:

The recommended dose is to take 100mg 4 times daily, before meals. A lower dose of 100mg dipyridamole daily with 1g aspirin, might be recommended by the doctor as well.

Chronic Angina Pectoris:

The recommended dose would be 50mg 3 times a day, taken at least 1 hour before meals. In certain cases,

your doctor would prescribe a higher dose.

Coronary Artery Disease:

The recommended dose would be 75mg of dipyridamole with 324mg aspirin, 3 times a day, for patients who have suffered from previous myocardial infarction (heart attack).

- When to use it

Use as directed by your doctor or pharmacist. Swallow the tablet(s) with water and without chewing.

- How long to use it

Continue taking Apo-Dipyridamole for as long as your doctor recommends.

- If you forget to use it

Consult your doctor or pharmacist on what you should do if you forget to use it.

Take the missed dose as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for your next dose, wait until then to take the medicine and skip the missed dose. Do not take a double dose to make up for the missed dose.

- If you use too much (overdose)

Contact your doctor immediately or go to the Emergency Department of your nearest hospital, if you think you or anyone else may have taken too much of this medicine. Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning. You may need urgent medical attention.

If you have used too much of this medication, symptoms such as feeling of warmth, flushes, sweating, accelerated pulse, restlessness, feeling of weakness, and dizziness and angina (tight chest) can occur.

While you are using it

- Things you must do

Take your medicine exactly as your doctor has told you.

Tell all the doctors, dentists and pharmacists treating you that you are taking Apo-Dipyridamole .

Tell your doctor immediately if you become pregnant while taking this medication.

- Things you must not do

Do not stop taking the medicine unless advised by your doctor.

Do not take any new medicines without consulting your doctor.

Do not give Apo-Dipyridamole to anyone else, even if they have the same symptoms or condition as you.

- Things to be careful of

Driving and using machines

This medicine may affect your ability to drive or use machines. If the tablets make you feel sick, dizzy or tired, or give you a headache, do not drive or use machines and contact your doctor immediately.

Side effects

Like all medicines, Apo-Dipyridamole can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

The side effects of taking dipyridamole include headache, dizziness, nausea, flushing, weakness, or skin rashes

Visit your doctor or pharmacist immediately if you experience any side effects after taking this medicine.

You may report any side effects or adverse drug reactions directly to the National Centre for Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring by calling Tel: 03-78835550, or visiting the website portal.bpfk.gov.my (Consumers →Reporting).

Storage and Disposal of Apo-Dipyridamole

- Storage

Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

Do not use this medicine after the month and year written after EXP on the container.

Store between 15-30°C.

- Disposal

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures will help to protect the environment.

Product Description

- What it looks like

The 25mg tablets are orange colored, round, biconvex film-coated tablet, engraved with 25 on one side.

The 75mg tablets are orange-red, round, biconvex, film-coated tablet, engraved with D75 on one side, other side plain.

- Ingredients

- Active ingredient
Dipyridamole

- Inactive ingredients

Apo-Dipyridamole 25mg:
Colloidal silicon dioxide, purified water, microcrystalline cellulose, sunset yellow, carnauba wax, polyethylene glycol, titanium dioxide, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, magnesium stearate.

Apo-Dipyridamole 75mg:
Colloidal silicon dioxide, purified water, microcrystalline cellulose, sunset yellow, carnauba wax, polyethylene glycol, D&C Red, hydroxypropyl methylcellulose, magnesium stearate.

- MAL numbers:

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