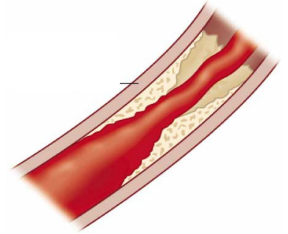


Medications to Prevent Blood Clots

Other names: ASA (Aspirin) and Clopidrogel (Plavix)

What they do:

- These medications help the blood in your blood vessels from clotting
- They may help prevent you from having a heart attack or stroke



How to take them:

- Take your medication every day, as prescribed by your doctor
- Do not stop taking your medication unless your doctor tells you to
- Some people take both ASA and Plavix. Ask your doctor if being on both medications is right for you.

What to watch for:

- Increased bruising, bleeding or stomach upset . Tell your doctor if this happens.
- You may have to stop taking your medication 5 to 10 days before surgery or dental work. Tell all your doctors (including a dentist, eye doctor, surgeon, etc.) that you are taking medications to stop blood clots.
- Some medicines bought in a drug store or natural products can increase the risk of bleeding. Ask your doctor which are safe for you before buying or taking any.



For more information contact your health care provider

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