

Warfarin

What it does:

Warfarin treats certain conditions that are caused by excessive blood clotting.

How it works:

Warfarin prevents the formation of vitamin K, which is needed to make major clotting factor for the formation of blood clots.

How to take it:

Take warfarin at the same time each day.

What to do if you miss a dose:

If you miss a dose, take the dose as soon as you remember to and resume your regular dosing schedule. If, however, you don't remember the dose until the very next day, omit the missed dose and continue on with the next dose at its regularly scheduled time. **DO NOT TAKE DOUBLE THE DOSE TO MAKE UP FOR THE MISSED ONE.**

Possible side effects:

Contact your doctor if unusual bleeding or unexplained bruising occurs. Things like blood tinged urine, tarry black stool and coffee ground-like vomit are signs of unusual bleeding.

Precautions:

Many other drugs interact with warfarin so let your pharmacist and doctor know what other medications you are taking. These include non-prescription drugs like flu and cold medicine and painkillers.

Avoid activities that may cause you to bruise or bleed, like heavy contact sports. Use a soft toothbrush and an electric razor.

Your doctor may wish to perform periodic blood test to see if the warfarin is working properly. Also inform your doctor if you are pregnant.



Use the space below to write down why you are taking this medication and other notes.
