

# DAXITRAN HARD CAPSULES

Dabigatran Etexilate (75mg, 110mg, 150mg)

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## What DAXITRAN is used for

**75 mg/ 110 mg:** DAXITRAN is used to prevent the formation of blood clots in the veins after knee or hip replacement surgery in adults.

**110 mg/ 150 mg:** DAXITRAN is a medicine which is used to reduce the risk of brain or body vessel obstruction by blood clot formation in adult patients with an abnormal heart beat (atrial fibrillation) and additional risk factors. DAXITRAN is a blood thinner medicine that lowers the risk of blood clot formation. DAXITRAN is used to treat blood clots in the veins of your legs and lungs and to prevent blood clots from reoccurring in the vein of your legs and lungs.

## How DAXITRAN works

DAXITRAN is a medicine which contains the active substance dabigatran etexilate. It works by blocking a substance in the body which is involved in blood clot formation.

## Before you use DAXITRAN

- When you must not use it
- if you are allergic to dabigatran etexilate or any of the other ingredients of this medicine.
- if you have severely reduced kidney function.
- if you are currently bleeding.
- if you have a disease in an organ of the body that increases the risk of serious bleeding.
- if you have an increased tendency

to bleed. This may be inborn, of unknown cause or due to other medicines.

- if you have a severely reduced liver function or liver disease which could possibly cause death.
- if you are taking oral ketoconazole or itraconazole, medicines to treat fungal infections.
- if you are taking oral cyclosporine, a medicine to prevent organ rejection after transplantation.
- if you are taking dronedarone, a medicine used to treat abnormal heart beat.
- if you are taking medicines to prevent blood clotting (eg. warfarin, rivaroxaban, apixaban or heparin), except when changing anticoagulant treatment or while having a venous or arterial line and you get heparin through this line to keep it open.
- if you have received an artificial heart valve which requires permanent blood thinning.

### Children and adolescents

DAXITRAN is not recommended in children and adolescents below 18 years old.

### Pregnancy and breast-feeding

The effects of DAXITRAN on pregnancy and the unborn child are not known. You should not take DAXITRAN if you are pregnant unless your doctor advises you that it is safe to do so. If you are a woman of child-bearing age, you should avoid becoming pregnant while you are taking DAXITRAN.

You should not breast-feed while you are taking DAXITRAN.

### - Before you start to use it

Talk to your doctor before taking DAXITRAN. You may also need to talk to your doctor during treatment with DAXITRAN if you experience symptoms or if you have to undergo surgery. Tell your doctor if you have or have had any medical conditions or illnesses, in particular any of those included in the following list:

- if you have a liver disease that is

associated with changes in the blood tests, the use of DAXITRAN is not recommended.

- if you have an increased bleeding risk, as could be the case in the following situations:
  - if you have been recently bleeding.
  - if you have had a surgical tissue removal (biopsy) in the past month.
  - if you have had a serious injury (e.g. a bone fracture, head injury or any injury requiring surgical treatment).
  - if you are suffering from an inflammation of the gullet or stomach.
  - if you have problems with reflux of gastric juice into the gullet.
  - if you are receiving medicines which could increase the risk of bleeding. See 'Taking other medicines' below.
  - if you are taking anti-inflammatory medicines such as diclofenac, ibuprofen, piroxicam.
  - if you are taking anti-viral medicine (e.g. glecaprevir and pibrentasvir).if you are suffering from an infection of the heart (bacterial endocarditis).
  - if you know you have impaired kidney function, or you are suffering from dehydration (symptoms include feeling thirsty and passing reduced amounts of dark-coloured (concentrated) urine).
  - if you are older than 75 years.
  - if you weigh 50 kg or less.
- if you have had a heart attack or if you have been diagnosed with conditions that increase the risk to develop a heart attack.
- if you know that you have a disease called antiphospholipid syndrome (a disorder of the immune system that causes an increased risk of blood clots) tell your doctor who will decide if the treatment may need to be changed.

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- if you need to have an operation: DAXITRAN will need to be stopped temporarily due to an increased bleeding risk during and shortly after an operation.
- if an operation involves a catheter or injection into your spinal column (e.g. for epidural or spinal anaesthesia or pain reduction):
  - it is very important to take DAXITRAN before and after the operation exactly at the times you have been told by your doctor.
  - tell your doctor immediately if you get numbness or weakness of your legs or problems with your bowel or bladder after the end of anaesthesia, because urgent care is necessary.
- if you fall or injure yourself during treatment, especially if you hit your head, please seek urgent medical attention. You may need to be checked by a doctor, as you may be at increased risk of bleeding.

## Taking other medicines

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking, have recently taken or might take any other medicines. In particular you should tell your doctor before taking DAXITRAN, if you are taking one of the medicines listed below:

- Medicines to reduce blood clotting (e.g. warfarin, phenprocoumon, heparin, clopidogrel, prasugrel, ticagrelor, rivaroxaban, acetylsalicylic acid)
- Anti-inflammatory and pain reliever medicines (e.g. acetylsalicylic acid, ibuprofen, diclofenac)
- St. John's wort, a herbal medicine for depression
- Antidepressant medicines called selective serotonin re-uptake inhibitors or serotonin-norepinephrine re-uptake inhibitors
- Rifampicin or clarithromycin (two antibiotics)
- Medicines to treat abnormal heart beats (e.g. Amiodarone, dronedarone, quinidine, verapamil). If you are taking

amiodarone, quinidine or verapamil containing medicines, your doctor may tell you to use a reduced dose of DAXITRAN depending on the condition for which DAXITRAN is prescribed to you. Medicines to treat fungal infections (e.g. ketoconazole, itraconazole), unless they are only applied to the skin

- Medicines to prevent organ rejection after transplantation (e.g. tacrolimus, cyclosporine)
- Anti-viral medicines for AIDS (e.g. ritonavir)
- Medicines for treatment of epilepsy (e.g. carbamazepine, phenytoin)

## How to use DAXITRAN

### How much to use

Always take this medicine exactly as your doctor has told you. Check with your doctor if you are not sure.

Take DAXITRAN as recommended for the following conditions:

### ***Prevention of blood clot formation after knee or hip replacement surgery***

The recommended dose is 220 mg once a day (taken as 2 capsules of 110 mg).

If your kidney function is decreased by more than half or if you are 75 years of age or older, the recommended dose is 150 mg once a day (taken as 2 capsules of 75 mg).

If you are taking amiodarone-, quinidine- or verapamil-containing medicines the recommended dose is 150 mg once a day (taken as 2 capsules of 75 mg).

If you are taking verapamil containing medicines and your kidney function is decreased by more than half, you should be treated with a reduced dose of 75 mg DAXITRAN because your bleeding risk may be increased.

### After knee replacement surgery

You should start treatment with DAXITRAN within 1-4 hours after surgery finishes, taking a single

capsule (110 mg). Thereafter two capsules once a day should be taken for a total of 10 days.

### After hip replacement surgery

You should start treatment with DAXITRAN within 1-4 hours after surgery finishes, taking a single capsule (110 mg). Thereafter two capsules once a day should be taken for a total of 28-35 days.

For both surgery types, treatment should not be started if there is bleeding from the site of operation. If the treatment cannot be started until the day after surgery, dosing should be started with 2 capsules once daily.

### ***Prevention of brain or body vessel obstruction by blood clot formation developing after abnormal heart beats and Treatment of blood clots in the veins of your legs and lungs including prevention of blood clots from re-occurring in the vein of your legs and lungs***

The recommended dose is 300 mg taken as one 150 mg capsule twice a day.

If you are 80 years or older, the recommended dose of DAXITRAN is 220 mg taken as one 110 mg capsule twice a day.

If you are taking verapamil-containing medicines, you should be treated with a reduced DAXITRAN dose of 220 mg taken as one 110 mg capsule twice a day, because your bleeding risk may be increased.

If you have a potentially higher risk for bleeding, your doctor may decide to prescribe a dose of DAXITRAN 220 mg taken as one 110 mg capsule twice a day.

DAXITRAN can be taken with or without food. The capsule should be swallowed whole with a glass of water, to ensure delivery to the stomach. Do not break, chew, or empty the pellets from the capsule since this may increase the risk of bleeding.

### ***Change of anticoagulant treatment***

Without specific guidance from your

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doctor do not change your anticoagulant treatment.

– When to use it

Use as directed by your doctor or pharmacist.

– How long to use it

Continue taking DAXITRAN for as long as your doctor recommends.

– If you forget to use it

**Prevention of blood clot formation after knee or hip replacement surgery**

Continue with your remaining daily doses of DAXITRAN at the same time of the next day.

Do not take a double dose to make up for missed doses.

**Prevention of brain or body vessel obstruction by blood clot formation developing after abnormal heart beats and treatment of blood clots in the veins of your legs and lungs including prevention of blood clots from re-occurring in the vein of your legs and lungs**

A forgotten dose can still be taken up to 6 hours prior to the next due dose. A missed dose should be omitted if the remaining time is below 6 hours prior to the next due dose.

Do not take a double dose to make up for missed doses.

– If you use too much (overdose)

Taking too much DAXITRAN increases risk of bleeding. Inform your doctor immediately, if you take more than the prescribed dose of DAXITRAN. Specific treatment options are available.

**While you are using DAXITRAN**

– 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 DAXITRAN.

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

– Things you must not do

Take DAXITRAN exactly as prescribed. Do not stop taking DAXITRAN without first consulting your doctor because the risk of developing a blood clot could be higher if you stop treatment too early. Contact your doctor if you experience indigestion after taking DAXITRAN.

If you have any further questions on the use of this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

– Things to be careful of  
*Driving and using machines*

DAXITRAN has no known effects on the ability to drive or use machines.

**Side Effects**

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

DAXITRAN affects blood clotting, so most side effects are related to signs such as bruising or bleeding. Major or severe bleeding may occur, these constitute the most serious side effects and, regardless of location, may become disabling, life-threatening or even lead to death. In some cases these bleedings may not be obvious.

If you experience any bleeding event that does not stop by itself or if you experience signs of excessive bleeding (exceptional weakness, tiredness, paleness, dizziness, headache or unexplained swelling) consult your doctor immediately. Your doctor may decide to keep you under closer observation or change your medicine.

Tell your doctor immediately, if you experience a serious allergic reaction which causes difficulty in breathing or dizziness.

The common side effects are listed below.

**Prevention of blood clot formation after knee or hip replacement surgery**

- A fall in the amount of haemoglobin in the blood (the substance in the red blood cells)
- Unusual laboratory test results on liver function

**Prevention of brain or body vessel obstruction by blood clot formation developing after abnormal heart beats**

- Bleeding may happen from the nose, into the stomach or bowel, from penis/vagina or urinary tract (incl. blood in the urine that stains the urine pink or red), or under the skin
- A fall in the number of red cells in the blood
- Belly ache or stomach ache
- Indigestion
- Frequent loose or liquid bowel movements
- Feeling sick

**Treatment of blood clots in the veins of your legs and lungs including prevention of blood clots from re-occurring in the veins of your legs and/or lungs**

- Bleeding may happen from the nose, into stomach or bowel, into the rectum, from penis/vagina or urinary tract (incl. blood in urine that stains the urine pink or red), or under the skin
- Indigestion

You may report any side effects or adverse drug reactions directly to the National Centre for Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring by visiting the website [www.npra.gov.my](http://www.npra.gov.my) (Consumers → Reporting Side Effects to Medicines (ConSERF or Vaccines (AEFI)).

**Storage and Disposal of DAXITRAN**

– Storage

Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

Store below 30°C. Store in the original package. Protect from moisture.

Do not put the capsules in pill boxes or pill organizers, unless capsules can be maintained in the original

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package.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the carton and the label after EXP. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.

– 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

DAXITRAN 75mg Capsules - Size 2, cellulose capsule, light blue opaque cap imprinted with 'C' and white opaque body imprinted with '77' in black ink containing off-white to yellowish pellets.

DAXITRAN 110mg Capsules - Size 1, cellulose capsule, light blue opaque cap imprinted with 'C' and light blue opaque body imprinted with '72' in black ink containing off-white to yellowish pellets.

DAXITRAN 150mg Capsules - Size 0, cellulose capsule, light blue opaque cap imprinted with 'C' and white opaque body imprinted with '71' in black ink containing off-white to yellowish pellets.

– Ingredients

– Active ingredient(s)

Dabigatran Etexilate Mesylate

– Inactive ingredient

Capsule content

- Tartaric Acid
- Hypromellose
- Talc
- Macrogols
- Hydroxypropyl Cellulose

Capsule shell

- Hydroxypropylmethylcellulose,
- Carrageenan,
- Potassium Chloride,
- Indigo carmine,
- Titanium Dioxide,
- Purified Water

Black printing ink

- Shellac
- Dehydrated Alcohol
- Isopropyl Alcohol
- Butyl Alcohol
- Propylene Glycol
- Strong Ammonia Solution
- Black Iron Oxide
- Potassium Hydroxide
- Purified Water

– MAL numbers

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## Product Registration Holder

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