

CYKLOKAPRON*

Tranexamic acid

Consumer Medicine Information

What is in this leaflet

This leaflet answers some common questions about CYKLOKAPRON.

It does not contain all the available information. It does not take the place of talking to your doctor or pharmacist.

All medicines have risks and benefits. Your doctor has weighed the risks of you taking CYKLOKAPRON against the expected benefits it will have for you.

If you have any concerns about taking this medicine, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

Keep this leaflet with the medicine. You may need to read it again.

What CYKLOKAPRON is used for

CYKLOKAPRON is used to prevent excessive bleeding in patients with:

- traumatic hyphaema (bleeding into the front part of the eye)
- blood clotting disorders who are having minor surgery
- heavy periods
- hereditary angioneurotic oedema (periodic swelling of the throat)

How CYKLOKAPRON works

CYKLOKAPRON tablets contain tranexamic acid. Tranexamic acid belongs to a group of medicines called antifibrinolytic agents. It works by slowing the processes that cause bleeding.

Your doctor may have prescribed CYKLOKAPRON for another reason. Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why CYKLOKAPRON has been prescribed for you.

CYKLOKAPRON is not addictive.

Before taking CYKLOKAPRON

When you must not take it

Do not take CYKLOKAPRON if you have an allergy to CYKLOKAPRON or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.

Symptoms of an allergic reaction may include skin rash, itching, hives, wheezing, shortness of breath, difficulty breathing, swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body.

Do not take CYKLOKAPRON if you are being treated for a stroke.

Do not take CYKLOKAPRON if you are being treated for blood clots in your legs, lungs or anywhere else in your body.

Do not take CYKLOKAPRON if you have a problem with colour vision that developed after you were born.

Do not take CYKLOKAPRON after the expiry date (EXP) printed on the pack.

If you take this medicine after the expiry date has passed, it may not work as well.

Do not take CYKLOKAPRON if the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering.

Do not take CYKLOKAPRON to treat any other complaint unless your doctor tells you to.

Before you start to take it

You must tell your doctor about all of the following before you start to take CYKLOKAPRON:

- if you *or someone in your family* has ever suffered from blood clots
- if you have severe bruising
- if you have kidney disease with or without blood in the urine
- if you are pregnant or think you may be pregnant
- if you are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed
- if you have irregular periods and the reason is not known

Tell your doctor if you have allergies to:

- any other medicines
- any other substances, such as foods, preservatives or dyes.

If you have not told your doctor about any of these things, tell him/her before you start taking CYKLOKAPRON.

Do not give this medicine to any one else even if they have the same condition as you.

Taking other medicines

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

Some medicines may interfere with CYKLOKAPRON. These include:

- other medicines used to prevent bleeding
- medicines used to thin the blood

These medicines may be affected by CYKLOKAPRON, or may affect how well it works. Your doctor or pharmacist has more information on medicines to be careful with or to avoid while taking CYKLOKAPRON.

How to take CYKLOKAPRON

How much to take

Follow all directions given to you by your doctor or pharmacist carefully.

They may differ from the information contained in this leaflet.

Traumatic hyphaema (bleeding to the front part of the eye)

Take two or three tablets every 8 hours, for six to seven days. Swallow the tablets with water.

Heavy periods

Take two or three tablets four times a day for four days. Start taking the tablets when you first notice the bleeding. Take CYKLOKAPRON for the first four days of your period. See your doctor for a check up after three months of treatment. If the bleeding is not reduced, talk to your doctor. Swallow the tablets with water.

For those with a clotting disorder, having minor surgery

The usual dose is two or three tablets, 2 to 3 times a day. The dose may be different depending on the type of surgery you are having. Your doctor will tell you how long to take the tablets. Swallow the tablets with water.

CYKLOKAPRON can be taken with or without food.

If you do not understand the instructions, ask your doctor or pharmacist for help.

If you forget to take it

If it is almost time for your next dose, skip the dose you have missed and take your next dose when you are meant to. Otherwise, take it as soon as you remember, and then go back to taking your tablet(s) as you would normally.

If you are not sure whether to skip the dose, talk to your doctor or pharmacist.

Do not take a double dose to make up for the dose that you missed. This may increase the chance of you getting an unwanted side effect.

If you have trouble remembering when to take your medicine, ask your pharmacist for some hints.

If you take too much (overdose)

Immediately telephone your doctor or the Poisons Information Centre for advice (in Australia telephone 13 11 26, in New Zealand telephone 0800 POISON or 0800 764 766) or go to the Accident and Emergency department at your nearest hospital if you think that you or anyone else has taken too much CYKLO-KAPRON. Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.

You may need urgent medical attention.

Have CYKLOKAPRON or this leaflet available to give details if needed.

Keep telephone numbers for these places handy.

If you take too much CYKLOKAPRON you may have the following symptoms:

- dizziness
- headache
- nausea
- vomiting
- diarrhoea
- low blood pressure

While you are taking CYKLOKAPRON

Things you must do

Tell any other doctors, dentists and pharmacists who are treating you that you are taking CYKLOKAPRON.

If you start on any new medicine, tell your doctor, dentist or pharmacist that you are taking CYKLOKAPRON.

Things you must not do

Do not give CYKLOKAPRON to anyone else, even if they have the same condition as you.

Do not use CYKLOKAPRON to treat any other complaints unless your doctor tells you to.

Side effects

Tell your pharmacist or doctor as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are taking CYKLOKAPRON.

All medicines can have side effects. Sometimes they are serious, most of the time they are not. You may need medical treatment if you get some of the side effects.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice any of the following and they worry you:

- nausea
- vomiting
- diarrhoea

These are the more common side effects of CYKLOKAPRON. Mostly these are mild and short-lived.

Tell your doctor immediately or go to the Accident and Emergency department at your nearest hospital if you notice any of the following:

- unexpected pain
- unexpected swelling in your legs or arms
- giddiness
- allergic skin reactions
- changes in your eyesight

These may be serious side effects. You may need urgent medical attention. These side effects are rare.

Other side effects not listed above may occur in some patients.

Tell your doctor if you notice anything else that is making you feel unwell.

Do not be alarmed by this list of possible side effects. You may not experience any of them.

After using CYKLOKAPRON

Storage

Keep the CYKLOKAPRON tablets in their bottle until it is time to take them.

If you take the tablets out of the bottle they may not keep well.

Keep your medicine in a cool, dry place where the temperature stays below 30°C.

Do not store CYKLOKAPRON tablets or any other medicine in the bathroom or near a sink.

Do not leave your tablets in the car on hot days or on a window sill.

Heat and dampness can destroy some medicines.

KEEP YOUR CYKLOKAPRON TABLETS OUT OF REACH OF CHILDREN

A locked cupboard at least one and a half metres above the ground is a good place to store medicines.

Disposal

If your doctor or pharmacist tells you to stop taking CYKLOKAPRON or the medicine has passed the expiry date, ask your pharmacist what to do with any medicine that is left over.

Product Description

What it looks like

CYKLOKAPRON is a white, capsule shaped tablet. The tablet is scored on one side and marked with 'CY' on the other.

CYKLOKAPRON is available in bottles of 100 tablets.

Ingredients

The active ingredient in CYKLOKAPRON is tranexamic acid. Each tablet contains 500 mg of tranexamic acid.

The inactive ingredients are:

- microcrystalline cellulose
- hydroxypropylcellulose
- talc
- magnesium stearate
- colloidal anhydrous silica
- povidone

The ingredients that are in the tablet coating are:

- Eudragit E100
- titanium dioxide
- macrogol 8000
- vanillin

CYKLOKAPRON does not contain gluten, sucrose, tartrazine or other azo dyes.

Distributor

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