

## Consumer Medicine Information

# TRANEXAMIC ACID TABLETS

## Tranexamic acid 500 mg

### What is in this leaflet

This leaflet answers some common questions about Tranexamic acid tablets. 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 Tranexamic acid tablets against the benefits it is expected to 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 Tranexamic acid tablets are used for

Tranexamic acid tablets are used to treat and prevent excessive bleeding. Local bleeding may occur in patients with the following conditions:

- heavy periods
- nose bleeding
- dental extraction for patients who have a blood clotting disorder
- inflammation of the colon and bowel.

Tranexamic acid may also be used to treat hereditary angioneurotic oedema (periodic swelling of the throat).

Your doctor, however, may prescribe Tranexamic acid tablets for another purpose. **Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why Tranexamic acid tablets have been prescribed for you.**

### How Tranexamic acid tablets works

Tranexamic acid is an antifibrinolytic that works by slowing the processes that cause bleeding.

There is no evidence that tranexamic acid is addictive.

This medicine is only available on a doctor's prescription.

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## Before you take Tranexamic acid tablets

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### When you must not take it

#### Do not take Tranexamic acid tablets if:

1. you have an allergy to:
  - tranexamic acid
  - any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.
2. you are being treated for a stroke
3. you are being treated for blood clots in your legs, lungs or anywhere else in your body.

**Do not take Tranexamic acid tablets 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 Tranexamic acid tablets if the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering.**

**Do not take Tranexamic acid tablets to treat any other complaints 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 Tranexamic acid tablets:**

- if 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 intend to become pregnant
- if you are breast-feeding or plan to breast-feed
- if you have irregular periods and the reason is unknown
- if you are colour-blind, or have any type of colour vision problem.

**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 Tranexamic acid tablets.**

**Do not give this medicine to anyone 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.** These medicines may affect the way Tranexamic acid tablets works.

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## How to take Tranexamic acid tablets

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### How to take it

**Follow all directions given to you by your doctor or pharmacist carefully.** They may differ from the information contained in this leaflet.

The recommended standard dose is 2 to 3 tablets taken 2 to 3 times daily.

The dose varies according to your condition. Your doctor will tell you how long to take the tablets.

### If you forget to take it

**If it is almost time for your next dose, skip the dose you 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 it as you would normally.**

**Do not take a double dose to make up for the dose that you missed.**

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

### If you take too much (overdose)

**Immediately telephone your doctor or the National Poisons Information Centre (telephone 0800 POISON or 0800 764 766) for advice, if you think that you or anyone else may have taken too many Tranexamic acid tablets. Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.**

If you take too many Tranexamic acid tablets you may have the following symptoms:

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

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## While you are taking Tranexamic acid tablets

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### Things you must do

**Tell all doctors and pharmacists who are treating you that you are taking Tranexamic acid tablets.**

**If you are about to start taking any new medicines, tell your doctor and pharmacist that you are taking Tranexamic acid tablets.**

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## Side effects

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**Check with your doctor as soon as possible if you have any problems while taking Tranexamic acid tablets, even if you do not think the problems are connected with the medicine or are not listed in this leaflet.**

Like other medicines, Tranexamic acid tablets can cause some side effects. If they occur, most are likely to be minor and temporary. However, some may be serious and need medical attention.

**Ask your doctor or pharmacist to answer any questions you may have.**

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

- nausea
- vomiting
- diarrhoea.

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

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

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

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

Other side effects not listed above may also 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.**

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## After using Tranexamic acid tablets

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### Storage

Keep your medicine in a cool, dry place where the temperature stays below 25°C.

**Do not store Tranexamic acid tablets or any other medicines in a bathroom or near a sink. Do not leave it in the car or on window sills.** Heat and dampness can destroy some medicines.

**Keep your Tranexamic acid tablets where children cannot reach them.** A locked cupboard at least one-and-a-half metres above the ground is a good place to store medicines.

### Disposal

**If your doctor tells you to stop taking Tranexamic acid tablets or it has passed the expiry date shown on the blister or carton, ask your pharmacist what to do with the tablets left over.**

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## Product description

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### What it looks like

Tranexamic acid tablets are white film-coated oblong tablets, marked on one side with FW291 and a break-line on the reverse. Tranexamic acid tablets are available in blister packs of 60 tablets per carton.

### Ingredients

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

Tranexamic acid tablets also contains the following inactive ingredients: microcrystalline cellulose, povidone, croscarmellose sodium, colloidal anhydrous silica, talc, magnesium stearate, titanium dioxide, macrogol 8000, vanillin and methacrylate polymers.

Tranexamic acid tablets do not contain gluten, sucrose, tartrazine or other azo dyes.

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