

TAKING EDOXABAN

(Also known as Lixiana®)



Your doctor prescribed edoxaban to keep blood clots from forming



Edoxaban along with other medicines will help prevent stroke



Edoxaban is an oral anticoagulant and it is often called a “blood thinner”



Edoxaban must be taken **once a day** with or without food



A blood test to check your kidneys will be **done prior to starting edoxaban** and at least every year



A **common reason** to take this medicine is atrial fibrillation



Atrial fibrillation is an irregular heart rhythm that can cause blood clots to form which **can lead to stroke**

Most people who have been prescribed edoxaban to prevent Stroke **take it for the rest of their lives**

TELL YOUR DOCTOR IF YOU HAVE:



Bleeding gums



Bruising too much



Nose bleeds

CALL YOUR DOCTOR OR GO TO AN EMERGENCY ROOM IF YOU DEVELOP:



Difficulty breathing or wheezing



Stomach pain/vomiting blood



Black or bloody stools



Severe headache with nausea

WHAT YOU CAN DO:



Take your edoxaban at the same time everyday

- Do not stop taking your edoxaban without talking to your doctor
- Missing a dose can put you at risk for forming clots



If you miss a dose:

- If it is within 12 hours of usually taking it, take the missed dose
- If it is more than 12 hours, skip the dose
- Do not take two doses at the same time
- Never take an extra dose to catch up



Make an appointment with your doctor before your prescription runs out

- Tell your doctor or your dentist you are on edoxaban if you need surgery or a procedure



Obtain a medical alert bracelet to indicate you are on edoxaban - in case of emergency, it would be important for your health care team to know



Tell your pharmacist or doctor about all the medicines you may be taking including vitamins, herbal products or recreational drugs



Report any side effects to your doctor or pharmacist so they can give you tips on how to minimize them



TALK TO YOUR HEALTHCARE PROVIDER IF YOU HAVE QUESTIONS ABOUT OR ARE HAVING TROUBLE TAKING YOUR MEDICATIONS