

Non-vitamin K antagonist oral anticoagulant

Eliquis™
apixaban

#1 NOAC Globally^{1*}



What is Eliquis™?

Eliquis™ (apixaban) is a factor Xa inhibitor, a kind of novel oral anticoagulant. It is also frequently known as non-vitamin K antagonist oral anticoagulant (NOAC) or direct oral anticoagulant (DOAC).^{2,3}

Comparison between ELIQUIS™ and the traditional anticoagulant, warfarin

1. Superior efficacy and safety⁴



ELIQUIS™ provides superior efficacy and safety compared with warfarin⁵



In the randomized controlled trial, ARISTOTLE, ELIQUIS™ lowers the risk of major bleeding by about 30%



The only factor Xa inhibitor that does not increase the risk of gastrointestinal bleeding⁵

2. Eliquis™ has a more convenient dosing than the traditional anticoagulant⁵⁻⁷

	NOAC (ELIQUIS™)	Traditional anticoagulant (Vitamin K antagonists)
Drug-food interactions	No specific food restrictions or interaction ⁷	More food restrictions required ⁶
Frequent blood test monitoring	Not required ⁵	Required ⁵
Frequent dose adjustments	Not required ⁷	Required, and dosing must be controlled precisely ⁶

The European Society of Cardiology and the American Heart Association Guidelines recommendation^{5,8}

- Oral anticoagulants are recommended, for all male patients with a CHA₂DS₂-VASC score ≥ 2 and all female patients with a CHA₂DS₂-VASC score ≥ 3 , to reduce risk.
- Oral anticoagulants should be considered, for all male patients with a CHA₂DS₂-VASC score ≥ 1 and all female patients with a CHA₂DS₂-VASC score ≥ 2 , to reduce risk.
- Other than two types of patients[†], NOAC is recommended in preference to vitamin K antagonist.

[†]Patients with mechanical heart valves or moderate-to-severe mitral stenosis

How to take ELIQUIS™^{2,9}

Follow your doctor's dosing instructions and take it twice daily — once in the morning and once in the evening. Swallow the tablet with a drink of water. Try to take ELIQUIS™ at the same time every day.



Morning



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Evening



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- Can be taken with or without food.
- If you missed a dose, take the dose as soon as you remember and continue to take the next dose at the usual time. Do not take a double dose.
- Take ELIQUIS™ regularly as prescribed. Do not stop or take more than the prescribed dose without consulting your doctor.

Important points to note

ELIQUIS™ and other anticoagulants differ in efficacy and the risk of bleeding. Speak to your doctor to understand their differences and choose the most appropriate medication. To get the best results, take your medications regularly as prescribed.



ELIQUIS™ has a renal clearance of 27%, the lowest among all available NOACs.⁵ Your doctor might need to adjust the dose of different anticoagulants based on your kidney function.



If you need to undergo any surgery, including endoscopy, dental treatments (such as tooth extraction), cataract and glaucoma interventions, inform your doctor that you are taking ELIQUIS™. Discontinue ELIQUIS™ prior to surgery and restart medication afterwards according to the instructions from your doctor.^{2,7}

*ELIQUIS™ accounted for more patient treatment days prescribed around the world than any other NOAC. Patient treatment days prescribed estimated based on IQVIA MIDAS 2019 Q2 Sell-In/Sell-Out data. DOAC, direct oral anticoagulant; NOAC, non-vitamin K antagonist oral anticoagulant.

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For your reference only. ELIQUIS™ is a prescription only medication. The effectiveness and side effects to medication may vary among individuals. Please consult your doctor or your pharmacist for more information.

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