



# **Cardiovascular Medications**

***Plavix (clopidogrel)***

***Effient (prasugrel)***

***Brilinta (ticagrelor)***

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## **USED TO TREAT:**

- Prevention of heart attack and stroke; peripheral vascular disease; after angioplasty and placement of intravascular stents.

## **HOW IT WORKS:**

- Prevents platelets from sticking together. This prevents abnormal formation of blood clots, reduces the chance of recurring atherosclerotic events, promotes normal healing of intravascular stent.

## **SIDE EFFECTS:**

- Unusual bleeding or bruising
  - Nausea
  - Diarrhea
  - Indigestion
  - Stomach pain
  - Rash
  - Fatigue
  - Headache
  - Joint pain
- Report to physician signs of abnormal bleeding such as blood in urine or stool, black tarry stools, nosebleeds, coughing or vomiting blood, bleeding gums, sudden abdominal pain or headaches, bruising without injury.

- If you have any kind of injury, it may take longer than usual to stop bleeding. To prevent injury: reduce risk of falls, use caution with sharp objects, avoid contact sports, shave with electric razor, do not use power tools, and wear shoes at all times.
- Inform all physicians and dentists that you are taking this medication. You may need to stop taking it for a few days before any surgery or dental treatment.
- This medicine is used in combination with aspirin after coronary stent to allow normal healing. Continue this medicine until your physician discontinues it.
- Check with your physician before taking any new drugs or over-the-counter medications. You may take this medicine with or without food.

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