

**PATIENT LEAFLET IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PHARMACISTS'  
REGULATIONS (PREPARATIONS) - 1986**

This medicine is dispensed with a doctor's prescription only

**APIXABAN TARO 2.5 mg**

**Film-coated tablets**

apixaban 2.5 mg

**APIXABAN TARO 5 mg**

**Film-coated tablets**

apixaban 5 mg

Inactive ingredients and allergens in this medicine: see section 2 under 'Important information about some of this medicine's ingredients' and section 6 'Additional information'.

**Read the entire leaflet carefully before you start using this medicine.** This leaflet contains concise information about this medicine. If you have any further questions, consult your doctor or pharmacist.

This medicine has been prescribed to treat your illness. Do not pass it on to others; it may harm them even if it seems to you that their illness is similar to yours.

This medicine is not intended for treatment of children and adolescents under 18 years of age.

**Patient safety information card:**

This card contains important safety information that you need to know, before starting treatment with **Apixaban Taro** and during treatment with **Apixaban Taro**.

The card contains information intended for both the patient and the medical staff. It provides patient guidance as to how to minimize the risk of bleeding arising from treatment with each of the anticoagulants.

In addition, the card contains personal patient information and information about **Apixaban Taro**.

Present this card to each medical staff member involved in your treatment.

**1. WHAT IS THIS MEDICINE INTENDED FOR?**

**Apixaban Taro 2.5 mg**

For prevention of venous thrombotic events in adult patients following elective hip or knee replacement surgery.

For prevention of stroke and embolism in adult patients with atrial fibrillation (of a non-valvular source) and with at least one risk factor, such as prior stroke or transient ischemic attack, aged 75 years and above, hypertension, diabetes mellitus, symptomatic heart failure. For treatment of blood clots in the veins of the legs (deep-vein thrombosis) and in the blood vessels of the lungs (pulmonary embolism), and to prevent recurrence of blood clots in these blood vessels.

**Apixaban Taro 5 mg**

For prevention of stroke and embolism in adult patients with atrial fibrillation (of a non-valvular source) and with at least one risk factor, such as prior stroke or transient ischemic attack, aged 75 years and above, hypertension, diabetes mellitus, symptomatic heart failure. For treatment of blood clots in the veins of the legs (deep-vein thrombosis) and in the blood vessels of the lungs (pulmonary embolism).

**Therapeutic group:** anticoagulant.

## **2. BEFORE USING THIS MEDICINE**

### **Do not use this medicine if:**

- You are sensitive (allergic) to the active ingredient or to any of the other ingredients in this medicine (see section 6).
- You are suffering from significant active bleeding.
- You are suffering from an injury or a medical condition in an organ of the body that increases the risk of serious bleeding (e.g., an active or recent stomach or bowel ulcer, recent bleeding in your brain).
- You are suffering from a liver disease which leads to an increased risk of bleeding (hepatic coagulopathy)
- You are taking medicines to prevent blood clotting (e.g., warfarin, rivaroxaban, dabigatran, or heparin), except when changing anticoagulant treatment, when a venous or arterial line has been inserted and administration of heparin through it is necessary to keep it open, or if a tube has been inserted into your blood vessel (catheter ablation) to treat an irregular heartbeat (arrhythmia).

### **Special warnings about using this medicine**

#### **Before treatment with Apixaban Taro, tell your doctor if:**

- You are suffering from an increased risk of bleeding such as:
  - bleeding disorders, including conditions causing reduced platelet activity
  - very high blood pressure, not controlled by medical treatment
  - you are older than 75 years
  - you weigh 60 kg or less
- You are suffering from a severe kidney disease or if you are undergoing dialysis.
- You are suffering from a liver problem or have a history of liver problems. This medicine will be administered with caution to patients with signs of impaired liver function.
- You have had a tube (catheter) inserted or received an injection into the spine (for anesthesia or analgesia). The doctor will instruct you to take the medicine 5 or more hours after the removal of the catheter.
- You have a prosthetic heart valve.
- Your doctor has determined that your blood pressure is unstable or that another treatment or surgical procedure to remove the blood clot from your lungs is planned.

#### Take special care with **Apixaban Taro**

- If you know that you have a disease called antiphospholipid syndrome (a disorder of the immune system that causes an increased risk of blood clots). Tell your doctor, who will decide if the treatment needs to be changed.

If you are scheduled to undergo surgery or a procedure that may cause bleeding, your doctor may ask you to stop taking this medicine temporarily for a short while. If you are uncertain whether a certain procedure may cause bleeding, consult the doctor.

### **Children and adolescents**

This medicine is not intended for treatment of children and adolescents under the age of 18 years.

### **Interactions with other medicines**

**If you are taking or have recently taken other medicines, including nonprescription medicines and dietary supplements, tell your doctor, pharmacist or nurse.**

**Some medicines may increase the effect of Apixaban Taro and others may decrease its effect. Your doctor will decide if you should receive treatment with Apixaban Taro when taking these medicines and how closely you should be monitored.**

- The following medicines may enhance the effect of **Apixaban Taro** and increase the risk of undesirable bleeding:
  - Certain medicines used to treat fungal infections (e.g., ketoconazole).
  - Certain medicines used to treat acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (HIV/AIDS) (e.g., ritonavir).
  - Other medicines that are used to reduce formation of blood clots (e.g., enoxaparin).
  - Anti-inflammatory agents or pain medicines (e.g., aspirin or naproxen). Especially if you are older than 75 years of age and are taking aspirin, you are at increased risk for bleeding.
  - Medicines that are used to treat hypertension or heart problems (e.g., diltiazem).
  - Antidepressants from the selective serotonin reuptake inhibitor class (SSRIs) or serotonin-norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors (SNRIs).
- The following medicines may reduce the ability of **Apixaban Taro** to help prevent blood clots from forming:
  - medicines to prevent epilepsy or seizures (e.g., phenytoin)
  - St. John's wort (a herbal supplement used for depression)
  - medicines to treat tuberculosis or other infections (e.g., rifampin).

### Using this medicine and food

The medicine can be taken with or without food.

### Pregnancy and breastfeeding

If you are pregnant or breastfeeding, suspect you are pregnant or are planning a pregnancy, consult your doctor before starting treatment with any medicine.

The effects of **Apixaban Taro** on pregnancy or on the unborn baby are unknown.

Do not use **Apixaban Taro** if you are pregnant. If you become pregnant while using the medicine, **contact your doctor immediately**.

If you are breastfeeding, consult a doctor, pharmacist or nurse before using **Apixaban Taro**. It is not known whether **Apixaban Taro** passes into breast milk. The medical staff will tell you to either stop breastfeeding or to stop / not to start treatment with **Apixaban Taro**.

### Driving and using machines

**Apixaban Taro** has not been shown to impair your ability to drive or use machines.

### Important information about some of this medicine's ingredients

The tablet contains lactose (a type of sugar). If you have been told by your doctor that you have an intolerance to certain sugars, consult with your doctor before taking this medicine.

This medicine contains the following coloring agents: tartrazine and Sunset Yellow. These substances can cause an allergic reaction.

This medicine contains less than 1 mmol (23 mg) of sodium per tablet, meaning it is considered 'sodium free'.

## 3. HOW TO USE THIS MEDICINE?

Always use this medicine according to your doctor's instructions. Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure about your dose or about how to take this medicine.

- Only your doctor will determine your dose and how you should take this medicine.
- Try to take the tablets at the same times every day to get the best effect from your treatment.
- Manner of administration: swallow the tablet with water.
- If you have difficulty swallowing the tablet whole, talk to your doctor about other possible ways to take **Apixaban Taro**. The tablet may be crushed and mixed with water, 5% glucose in water, apple juice or apple puree, immediately before you take it.

Instructions for crushing:

- Crush the tablet with a pestle and mortar.
- Carefully transfer all the powder into a suitable container, and mix with a little liquid, approximately 30 mL (2 tablespoons) water or one of the other liquids mentioned above.
- Swallow the mixture.
- Rinse the pestle and mortar you used for crushing the tablet, with a little water or one of the other liquids (30 mL), into the container that contained the mixture, and swallow the rinse.

If necessary, your doctor may give you **Apixaban Taro** through a nasogastric tube.

**Do not exceed the recommended dose.**

- **Treatment for prevention of venous thrombotic events in adult patients following elective hip or knee replacement surgery:**

The recommended dosage is **one tablet of Apixaban Taro 2.5 mg** twice a day. For example, one tablet in the morning and another tablet in the evening.

Try to take the medicine at regular times every day, in order to obtain the optimal effect of the treatment.

Start taking the medicine about 12-24 hours following the surgery.

If you have had a major hip operation, you will usually take the tablets for 32 to 38 days.

If you have had a major knee operation, you will usually take the tablets for 10 to 14 days.

- **Treatment for prevention of stroke and embolism in adult patients with atrial fibrillation (of a non-valvular source) and with at least one risk factor, such as previous stroke or transient ischemic event, 75 years of age and above, hypertension, diabetes mellitus, symptomatic heart failure:**

The recommended dosage is **one tablet of Apixaban Taro 5 mg**, twice a day. The recommended dosage will be reduced to 2.5 mg, twice a day, if:

- You have severely reduced kidney function.
- Two or more of the following criteria apply to you:
  - Your blood tests indicate poor kidney function (value of serum creatinine is 1.5 mg/dL [133 micromole/L] or greater).
  - You are 80 years old or older.
  - Your weight is 60 kg or lower.

The recommended dosage is one tablet, twice a day. For example, one tablet in the morning and another tablet in the evening.

Your doctor will decide how long you should continue treatment.

- **Treatment of blood clots in the veins of the legs and in the blood vessels of the lungs:**

The recommended dosage is **two tablets of Apixaban Taro 5 mg**, twice a day for the first 7 days, for example: two tablets in the morning and two tablets in the evening.

After the first 7 days of treatment, the recommended dosage is **one tablet of Apixaban Taro 5 mg**, twice a day, for example: one tablet in the morning and another tablet in the evening. Try to take the medicine at regular times every day, in order to obtain the optimal effect of the treatment.

- **For preventing blood clots from recurring following completion of 6 months of treatment:**

The recommended dosage is **one tablet of Apixaban Taro 2.5 mg**, twice a day. For example, one tablet in the morning and another tablet in the evening.

Try to take the medicine at regular times every day, in order to obtain the optimal effect of the treatment.

Your doctor will decide how long you should continue treatment.

Your doctor may prescribe the following changes in your anticoagulant treatment:

- Switching from treatment with **Apixaban Taro** to treatment with other anticoagulants: Stop taking **Apixaban Taro** and start treatment with the other anticoagulant (e.g., heparin) at the time you would have taken the next dose of **Apixaban Taro**.
- Switching from another anticoagulant to treatment with **Apixaban Taro**: Stop treatment with the anticoagulant and start treatment with **Apixaban Taro** at the time you would have had the next dose of the anticoagulant medicine you were taking. Then, continue as per the recommended dosage.
- Switching from treatment with vitamin K antagonists (e.g., warfarin) to treatment with **Apixaban Taro**: Stop treatment with the vitamin K antagonists. The doctor must perform blood tests and instruct you when to start treatment with **Apixaban Taro**.
- Switching from **Apixaban Taro** treatment to treatment with vitamin K antagonists (e.g., warfarin): If your doctor instructs you to start treatment with vitamin K antagonists (e.g., warfarin), continue taking **Apixaban Taro** for at least two more days after taking the first dose of the vitamin K antagonist. The doctor must perform blood tests and tell you when treatment with **Apixaban Taro** should be terminated.

#### **Patients undergoing cardioversion**

If your abnormal heartbeat needs to be restored to normal by a medical procedure called cardioversion, take **Apixaban Taro** at the times your doctor tells you, to prevent blood clots in blood vessels in your brain and other blood vessels in your body.

**If you have taken an overdose or if a child has accidentally swallowed some medicine,** immediately see a doctor or go to a hospital emergency room and bring the medicine package with you, even if there are no tablets left.

**If you take more than the recommended dose,** you may have an increased risk of bleeding. If bleeding occurs, surgery, blood transfusions, or other treatments that may reverse anti factor Xa activity may be required.

**If you forget to take this medicine** at the scheduled time, take a dose as soon as you remember, and take the next dose at the usual time. Then continue as per the recommended dosage. If you are not sure what to do or have missed more than one dose, consult the doctor, pharmacist or nurse.

Adhere to the treatment as recommended by your doctor.

Even if your health improves, do not stop taking this medicine without consulting your doctor or pharmacist.

Do not stop using this medicine without consulting your doctor first, because the risk of developing a blood clot could be higher if you stop treatment too early.

**Do not take medicines in the dark! Check the label and the dose every time you take medicine. Wear glasses if you need them.**

**If you have any further questions about using this medicine, consult your doctor, pharmacist or nurse.**

## **4. SIDE EFFECTS**

As with any medicine, using **Apixaban Taro** may cause side effects in some users. Do not be alarmed by this list of side effects; you may not experience from any of them. Side effects and their frequency can vary between the different indications and are detailed below for each indication. The most common side effect of **Apixaban Taro** is bleeding, which can be life-threatening and therefore requires immediate referral to a doctor.

### **Side effects characteristic of Apixaban Taro administration to prevent venous thrombotic events in adult patients following elective hip or knee replacement surgery:**

#### **Common side effects (may affect up to 1 in 10 users):**

- Anemia, which may cause tiredness and paleness.
- Bleeding, including bruising and swelling.
- Nausea (feeling sick).

#### **Uncommon side effects (may affect up to 1 in 100 users):**

- Reduced number of platelets in your blood (may affect clotting).
- Bleeding, including bleeding occurring after a surgery, bruising and swelling, blood or liquid leaking from the incision or injection site. Bleeding in the stomach, bowel or red/bright blood in the stools, blood in the urine, nosebleed, vaginal bleeding.
- A decrease in blood pressure that may cause a feeling of faintness or have a quicker heartbeat.
- Blood test changes that may show abnormal liver function results, increase in liver enzymes, increase in bilirubin - a breakdown product of red blood cells which manifests as yellowing of the skin and eyes.
- Itching.

#### **Rare side effects (may affect up to 1 in 1,000 users):**

- Allergic reaction (hypersensitivity) which may cause swelling of the face, lips, mouth, tongue and/or throat and difficulty breathing. **Refer to the doctor immediately if you experience any of these symptoms.**
- Bleeding into the muscle, bleeding in the eye, bleeding from the gums and bloody cough, rectal bleeding, hair loss.

#### **Side effects of unknown frequency (their frequency cannot be estimated from the existing data):**

- Bleeding, including bleeding in the brain, intraspinal bleeding, bleeding in the lungs or throat, bleeding in the mouth, bleeding into the abdominal cavity or into the space behind the abdominal cavity, bleeding from hemorrhoids, tests that show blood in the stools or urine.
- Skin rash which may form blisters and looks like small targets (central dark spots surrounded by a paler area, with a dark ring around the edge) (*erythema multiforme*).
- Blood vessel inflammation (vasculitis) which may result in skin rash or pointed, flat, red, round spots under the skin's surface or bruising.
- Bleeding in the kidney sometimes with presence of blood in urine leading to inability of the kidneys to work properly (anticoagulant-related nephropathy).

### **Side effects characteristic of Apixaban Taro administration to prevent stroke and embolism in adult patients with atrial fibrillation (of a non-valvular source) and with at least one additional risk factor:**

**Common side effects (may affect up to 1 in 10 users):**

- Bleeding, including bleeding in the eyes, bleeding in the stomach or bowel, rectal bleeding, blood in the urine, nosebleed, bleeding from the gums, bruising and swelling.
- Anemia, which may cause tiredness or paleness.
- Low blood pressure, which may cause a feeling of faintness or have a quicker heartbeat.
- Nausea (feeling sick).
- Blood tests which may show an increase in gamma-glutamyl transferase (GGT).

**Uncommon side effects (may affect up to 1 in 100 users):**

- Bleeding, including bleeding in the brain, intraspinal bleeding, bleeding in the mouth, bloody cough, bleeding into the abdominal cavity, vaginal bleeding, bright/red blood in the stools, bleeding occurring after a surgery, including bruising and swelling, blood or liquid leaking from the incision or injection site, bleeding from hemorrhoids, tests that show blood in the stools or urine.
- Reduced number of platelets in your blood (may affect clotting).
- Blood test changes that may show abnormal liver function results, increase in liver enzymes, increase in bilirubin - a breakdown product of red blood cells which manifests as yellowing of the skin and eyes.
- Skin rash.
- Itching.
- Hair loss.
- Allergic reaction (hypersensitivity) which may cause swelling of the face, lips, mouth, tongue and/or throat and difficulty breathing. **Refer to the doctor immediately if you experience any of these symptoms.**

**Rare side effects (may affect up to 1 in 1,000 users):**

- Bleeding in the lungs or throat, bleeding into the space behind the abdominal cavity, bleeding into the muscle.

**Very rare side effects (may affect up to 1 in 10,000 users):**

- Skin rash which may form blisters and looks like small targets (central dark spots surrounded by a paler area, with a dark ring around the edge) (*erythema multiforme*).

**Side effects of unknown frequency (their frequency cannot be estimated from the existing data):**

- Blood vessel inflammation (vasculitis) which may result in skin rash or pointed, flat, red, round spots under the skin's surface or bruising.
- Bleeding in the kidney sometimes with presence of blood in urine leading to inability of the kidneys to work properly (anticoagulant-related nephropathy).

**The following side effects are known if you take Apixaban Taro for treatment or prevention of recurrence of blood clots in the veins of the legs or in the blood vessels of the lungs:**

**Common side effects (may affect up to 1 in 10 users):**

- Bleeding, including nosebleed, bleeding from the gums, blood in the urine, bruising and swelling, bleeding in the stomach, bleeding in the bowel and bleeding in the rectum, bleeding in the mouth, vaginal bleeding.
- Anemia, which may cause tiredness or paleness.
- Reduced number of platelets in your blood (may affect clotting).
- Nausea (feeling sick).
- Skin rash.

- Blood tests which may show an increase in gamma-glutamyl transferase (GGT) or alanine aminotransferase (ALT).

**Uncommon side effects (may affect up to 1 in 100 users):**

- Low blood pressure, which may cause a feeling of faintness or a quicker heartbeat.
- Bleeding, including bleeding in the eyes, bleeding in the mouth or bloody cough, red/bright blood in the stools, tests showing blood in the stools or urine, bleeding as a result of surgery, including bruising and swelling, blood or liquid leaking from the incision or injection site, bleeding from hemorrhoids, bleeding into the muscle.
- Itching.
- Hair loss.
- Allergic reaction (hypersensitivity) which may cause swelling of the face, lips, mouth, tongue and/or throat and difficulty breathing. **Refer to the doctor immediately if you experience any of these symptoms.**
- Blood test changes that may show abnormal liver function results, increase in liver enzymes, increase in bilirubin - a breakdown product of red blood cells which manifests as yellowing of the skin and eyes.

**Rare side effects (may affect up to 1 in 1,000 users):**

- Bleeding, including bleeding in the brain or in the spinal column, bleeding in the lungs.

**Side effects of unknown frequency (the frequency cannot be estimated from the existing data):**

- Bleeding, including bleeding into the abdominal cavity or into the space behind the abdominal cavity.
- Skin rash which may form blisters and looks like small targets (central dark spots surrounded by a paler area, with a dark ring around the edge) (erythema multiforme).
- Blood vessel inflammation (vasculitis) which may result in skin rash or pointed, flat, red, round spots under the skin's surface or bruising.
- Bleeding in the kidney sometimes with presence of blood in urine leading to inability of the kidneys to work properly (anticoagulant-related nephropathy).

**If you experience any side effect, if any side effect gets worse, or if you experience a side effect not mentioned in this leaflet, consult your doctor.**

You can report side effects to the Ministry of Health by following the 'Reporting Side Effects of Drug Treatment' link on the Ministry of Health home page ([www.health.gov.il](http://www.health.gov.il)), which opens an online form for reporting side effects, or you can also use this link: <https://sideeffects.health.gov.il>

## **5. HOW TO STORE THE MEDICINE?**

- Prevent poisoning! To prevent poisoning, keep this and all other medicines in a closed place, out of the reach and sight of children and/or infants. Do not induce vomiting unless explicitly instructed to do so by your doctor.
- Do not use the medicine after the expiry date (exp. date) which is stated on the package. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.
- **Storage conditions:** Store at a temperature below 25°C.

## **6. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

**In addition to the active ingredient, this medicine also contains:**

**Tablet core:** lactose monohydrate, microcrystalline cellulose, croscarmellose sodium, povidone, magnesium stearate.

**Film coating:** hypromellose 2910, lactose monohydrate, titanium dioxide, triacetin;

**2.5 mg** – tartrazine aluminium lake, Sunset Yellow FCF aluminium lake, iron oxide yellow;

**5 mg** – iron oxide red.

**What the medicine looks like and contents of the pack:**

**2.5 mg** – A round, yellow, film-coated tablet, with “AX” on one side and “2.5” on the other.

**5 mg** – An oval, pink, film-coated tablet with “AX” on one side and “5” on the other.

The pack contains 60 film-coated tablets packaged in blister trays.

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