

Dabigatran Sandoz®

Active ingredient: dabigatran etexilate (as mesilate)

Consumer Medicine Information

This leaflet provides important information about using Dabigatran Sandoz. **You should also speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about using Dabigatran Sandoz.**

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1. Why am I using Dabigatran Sandoz?

Dabigatran Sandoz contains the active ingredient dabigatran etexilate (as dabigatran etexilate mesilate).

Dabigatran Sandoz belongs to a group of medicines called anticoagulant. Some people refer to anticoagulant medicines as "blood thinners". Dabigatran works by inhibiting a specific protein in the blood, called thrombin. Thrombin contributes to the formation of blood clots. Dabigatran prevents the formation of blood clots.

Dabigatran Sandoz is used for one of the following:

- to prevent the formation of blood clots in the veins after knee or hip replacement surgery in adults
- to reduce the risk of brain (stroke) and/or other body vessel obstruction by blood clot formation in adults with an abnormal heart beat rhythm called nonvalvular atrial fibrillation
- to treat blood clots in the veins of your legs and lungs and to prevent blood clots from re- occurring in the veins of your legs and/or lungs.

Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why this medicine has been prescribed for you.

Your doctor may have prescribed it for another reason.

2. What should I know before I use Dabigatran Sandoz?

Warnings

Do not use Dabigatran Sandoz if:

- you are allergic to dabigatran etexilate, or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet. Always