

for Patients With Non-Valvular Atrial Fibrillation

Document to be signed and filed in patient's medical record

Patient details: (affix addressograph)

Consultant

Hospital Number

Name

Date of Birth

Address

Duration of anticoagulation: Long-term Other (specify):

Patient has had **CHA2DS2-VASc**, **HAS-BLED** score and **CrCl** (using Cockcroft –Gault) calculated. (record below)

CHA2DS2-VASc

HAS-BLED

CrCl ml/min

CAVUHB prescriber support document has been completed

Apixaban (Eliquis) counselling

Tick once completed



Reason for anticoagulation explained to patient. The Patient is involved in and agrees to decision to treat with **Apixaban**. Patient counselled with regards to risk of treatment, including risk of bleeding and lack of licensed antidote.

Importance of taking treatment regularly as prescribed, as missing a dose will increase risk of treatment failure and increase risk of a stroke. **Apixaban** is a tablet taken twice a day (12 hour apart). It can be taken with or without food, swallowed whole with a glass of water. If a dose is missed take **Apixaban** as soon as you remember and continue with regular dose at the usual time (do not double the next dose taken). Then continue with twice daily dosing as before.

Apixaban is contraindicated in pregnancy / breast feeding. Negative pregnancy test: Yes No N/A

No routine coagulation monitoring, is required, however patient has been informed of the need for a minimum of yearly checks on their renal function. All patients on anticoagulation should have an annual anticoagulation review with their GP.

Common side effects of taking **Apixaban (listed in SPC)** include; Nausea, Rash, hypotension, bruising and bleeding. Patient understands that if bleeding or suffers an injury, particularly head injury to attend emergency department immediately.

If patient suffers a non-bleeding related side effect they should not stop **Apixaban** but must seek advice from a Healthcare Professional (GP, nurse or pharmacist).

Patient is aware that a number of different medicines that are prescribed or that can be bought over the counter from a pharmacy or herbalist might interact with **Apixaban**. Before starting any new medicines the patient must seek advice from a Healthcare Professional (GP, nurse or pharmacist).

Patient has received written information regarding **Apixaban** and is aware that the patient alert card (in the medication box) must be carried at all times and produced when seeing a Healthcare Professional (including GP, nurse, pharmacist or dentist).

Apixaban (Eliquis) Dose selection

Tick once completed



Apixaban 5mg BD

Apixaban 2.5mg BD

- Only if CrCl < 30ml/min but > 15ml/min (see prescriber support document- renal guidance)
- Or **has two** out of the following; Age ≥ 80yrs, Weight ≤ 60KG or Serum creatinine > 133µmol/L

Counselling completed by: (sign and print)

Date

Patient's name

Signature

Date