

RESTRICTED MEDICATIONS BEFORE CARDIAC OR THORACIC SURGERY

When you meet with your Cleveland Clinic doctor during your pre-surgery visit, it is **VERY IMPORTANT to talk about your medications**. Make sure you tell your doctor about **everything** you take on a regular basis (prescription medications, over-the-counter medications and supplements/vitamins).

For your safety, you may need to stop taking some medications before surgery. **DO NOT stop taking ANY medication until after you talk to your doctor**. Make sure you know which medications to take and which to stop. If you are unsure, call your surgeon's nurse practice manager and go over the list.

This handout lists common medications that need to be stopped before surgery. Most are stopped 5 days before surgery. **You may be taking other medications not on this list, which is why it is so important to tell your doctor about all your medications.**

We recommend not getting medications refilled right before your surgery. The medications you need after surgery may be different than those you need to take after surgery.

If you take medication to thin your blood/prevent blood clots

There are many different kinds of "blood thinners." You may take aspirin or a prescription medication like Brilinta (ticagrelor), Effient (prasugrel), Plavix (clopidogrel), and Xarelto (rivaroxaban and Eliquis (apixaban).

If you take any type of blood-thinning medication, INCLUDING aspirin, ask your surgeon's nurse practice manager about when you need to stop taking the medication before surgery.

If you take over-the-counter medications, supplements (herbs, vitamins, etc.)

Medications and supplements that can be bought without a doctor's prescription are called over-the-counter (OTC) medications. Some of these medications can cause serious problems for patients who have cardiac surgery. **Tell your doctor if you take any of these OTC medications that should be stopped 5 days before surgery:**

- Any type of vitamin (including multivitamins)
- Any type of mineral (if your doctor has prescribed a mineral supplement, such as potassium, you will **not** need to stop taking it before surgery)
- Any type of herbal supplement
- Any type of cold medication
- Any type of allergy medication (if your doctor has prescribed an allergy medication, you will **not** need to stop taking it before surgery)

The following is a list of common (but not all) medications you need to stop taking 5 days before surgery (unless otherwise noted). DO NOT stop taking any medication before you talk to your doctor! Please let your doctor or nurse practice manager (NPM) know if you have ANY questions about taking medications before your surgery!

A

acetaminophen and salicylates (Excedrin)
 Acuprin 81 (aspirin)
 Advil (ibuprofen)
 Aggrenox (dipyridamole and aspirin)
 Aleve (naproxen)
 Alka Seltzer (aspirin)
 Amigesic (salsalate)
 Anacin (aspirin and caffeine)
 Anaflex 750 (salsalate)
 Anaprox (naproxen)
 Ansaid (flurbiprofen)
 Anturan, Anturane (sulfapyrazone)
 Apixaban (Eliquis) (**ask your NPM when to stop this medication**)
 Argesic-SA, Artha-G (salsalate)
 Arthritis Pain Ascriptin (buffered aspirin)
 Arthritis Pain Formula (buffered aspirin)
 Arthritis Strength Bufferin (buffered aspirin)
 Arthropan (choline salicylate)
 Arthrotec (diclofenac and misoprostol)
 A.S.A. (aspirin)
 Ascriptin (aspirin)
 aspirin
 aspirin, butalbital and caffeine
 aspirin and caffeine (Gensan)
 aspirin and codeine
 Aspir-Low (aspirin)
 Aspirtab, Aspirtab-Max (aspirin)
 Axotal (aspirin, butalbital and caffeine)

B

B-A-C (aspirin, butalbital and caffeine)
 Backache tablets (magnesium salicylate)
 Bayer, Bayer Children's Aspirin (aspirin)
 Bayer Select Maximum Strength Backache Pain Relief Formula (magnesium salicylate)
 bismuth subsalicylate, metronidazole and tetracycline combination (Helidac)
 bismuth subsalicylate, oral (Pepto Bismol)
 Brilinta (ticagrelor) (**ask your NPM when to stop this medication**)
 buffered aspirin
 Bufferin (buffered aspirin)
 Buffex (buffered aspirin)
 Buffinol, Buffinol Extra (buffered aspirin)
 butalbital and aspirin (Isollyl)
 Butalbital Compound (aspirin, butalbital and caffeine)

C

C2 (salicylates)
 calcium supplement (Os-Cal)
 Cama Arthritis Pain Reliever (buffered aspirin)
 carisprodol (Soma)
 Cataflam (diclofenac)
 Celebrex (celecoxib)
 choline and magnesium salicylates (Tricosal, Trilisate)
 choline salicylate (Arthropan)
 chondroitin sulfate
 cilostazol (Plental)

Clinoril (sulindac)
 clopidogrel (Plavix) - (**ask your NPM when to stop this medication**)
 CMT (choline and magnesium salicylates)
 Cope (buffered aspirin and caffeine)
 Cotanal-65 (propoxyphene)
 Coumadin (warfarin)

D

Dabigatran etexilate (Pradaxa)
 Damason-P (hydrocodone and aspirin)
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 Darvon (propoxyphene), Darvon Compound-65,
 Darvon-N with A.S.A.
 Darvon Pulvules (propoxyphene, aspirin and caffeine)
 Daypro (oxaprozin)
 diclofenac (Cataflam, Voltaren)
 diclofenac and misoprostol (Arthrotec)
 diflunisal (Dolobid)
 dipyridamole (Persantine)
 dipyridamole and aspirin (Aggrenox)
 Disalcid (salsalate)
 Doan's Backache Pills, Doan's Regular Strength Tablets (magnesium salicylate)
 Dolobid (diflunisal)

E

Easprin (aspirin)
 Echinacea
 Ecotrin (aspirin)
 Effient (prasugrel) (**ask your NPM when to stop this medication**)

Eliquis (apixaban) (**ask your NPM when to stop this medication**)
 Empirin (aspirin and codeine)
 Endodan (oxycodone and aspirin)
 Enoxaparin (Lovenox)
 ephedra (Ma Huang)
 Equagesic (meprobamate and aspirin)
 etodolac (Lodine)
 Excedrin (acetaminophen and salicylates)
 Extended-Release Bayer 8-Hour (aspirin)
 Extra Strength Bayer Arthritis Pain Formula Caplets (aspirin)
 Extra Strength Bayer Aspirin Caplets, Tablets (aspirin)
 Extra Strength Bayer Plus Caplets (buffered aspirin)

F

Feldene (piroxicam)
 fenoprofen (Nalfon)
 Fiorgen, Fiorgen PF, Fiorinal (aspirin, butalbital and caffeine)
 Fiorinal with Codeine (barbiturates, aspirin and codeine)
 flurbiprofen (Ansaid)

G

Garlic
 Gelpirin (acetaminophen, aspirin and caffeine, buffered)
 Genpril (ibuprofen)
 Gensan (aspirin and caffeine)
 Genuine Bayer Aspirin
 Ginkgo Biloba
 Ginseng

Glucosamine and chondroitin sulfate

Goody's Fast Pain Relief, Goody's Extra Strength Headache Powder (acetaminophen and salicylates)

H

Halfprin (aspirin)

Haltran (ibuprofen)

Healthprin (aspirin)

Helidac (bismuth subsalicylate, metronidazole and tetracycline combination)

hydrocodone and aspirin (Damason-P, Lortab ASA, Panasal 5/500)

I

ibuprofen (Advil, Genpril, Haltran, Medipren, Midol, Motrin, Nuprin, Pamprin, PediaProfen, Rufen)

Indochron E-R (indomethacin)

Indocin (indomethacin)

Isollyl (butalbital and aspirin)

K

Kaopectate (kaolin and pectin)

kava

ketoprofen (Orudis, Oruvail)

ketorolac (Toradol)

L

Lanorinal (aspirin, butalbital and caffeine)

Lodine (etodolac)

Lortab ASA (hydrocodone and aspirin)

Lovenox (enoxaparin)

M

Ma Huang (ephedra)

Magan (magnesium salicylate)

Magnaprin (buffered aspirin)

magnesium salicylate (Backache tablets, Bayer Select Maximum Strength Backache Pain Relief Formula, Doan's Backache Pills, Doan's Reg. Strength)

Marnal (aspirin, butalbital and caffeine)

Marthritic (salsalate)

Maximum Strength Arthritis Foundation Safety Coated Aspirin (aspirin)

Maximum Strength Ascriptin (buffered aspirin)

Maximum Strength Bayer (aspirin)

Maximum Strength Doan's Analgesic Caplets (magnesium salicylate)

Meclomen (meclofenamate)

Medipren (ibuprofen)

mefenamic (Ponstel)

meprobamate and aspirin (Equagesic)

methocarbamol oral (Robaxin, Robaxisal)

Micrainin (meprobamate and aspirin)

Midol 200 (ibuprofen)

Mobic (meloxicam)

Mobidin (magnesium salicylate)

Mono-Gesic (salsalate)

Motrin (ibuprofen)

N

nabumetone (Relafen)

Nalfon (fenoprofen)

Naprosyn, Naproxen (naproxen)

N3 Gesic, N3 Gesic Forte, Norgesic, Norgesic Forte

Norphadrine, Norphadrine Forte (orphenadrine and aspirin)

Norwich Aspirin (aspirin)

Nuprin (ibuprofen)

O

Orphenagesic, Orphenagesic Forte (orphenadrine and aspirin)

Orudis, Oruvail (ketoprofen)

Os-Cal (calcium supplement)

oxaprozin (Daypro)

oxycodone and aspirin (Endodan, Percodan, Roxiprin)

P

P-A-C Revised Formula (aspirin and caffeine)

Pamprin IB (ibuprofen)

Panasal 5/500 (hydrocodone and aspirin)

PC-Cap (propoxyphene, aspirin and caffeine)

PediaProfen (ibuprofen)

pentazocine and aspirin (Talwin)

pentoxifylline (Trental)

Pepto-Bismol (bismuth subsalicylate oral)

Percodan (oxycodone and aspirin)

Persantine (dipyridamole)

piroxicam (Feldene)

Plavix (clopidogrel) (**ask your NPM when to stop this medication**)

Pletal (cilostazol)

Ponstel (mefenamic)

PP-Cap (propoxyphene)

Pradaxa (dabigatran etexilate)

Prasugrel (Effient) (**ask your NPM when to stop this medication**)

propoxyphene (Cotanal-65, Darvon)

Propoxyphene Compound-65 (propoxyphene, aspirin and caffeine)

R

Relafen (nabumetone)

Rivaroxaban (Xarelto) (**ask your NPM when to stop this medication**)

Robaxin, Robaxisal (methocarbamol oral)

Roxiprin (oxycodone and aspirin)

Rufen (ibuprofen)

S

Salflex (salsalate)

Salgesic (salsalate)

salicylates (C2)

salsalate (Amigesic, Anaflex 750, Argesic-SA, Artha-G, Disalcid, Mono-Gesic)

Salsitab (salsalate)

Salteo (acetaminophen, aspirin, salicylamide and caffeine)

Sloprin (aspirin)

Soma (carisprodol)

St. John's Wort

St. Joseph Adult Chewable Aspirin

sulfinpyrazone (Anturan, Anturane)

sulindac (Clinoril)

Supac (acetaminophen, aspirin and caffeine, buffered)

Synalgos DC (aspirin, caffeine and dihydrocodeine)

T

Talwin (pentazocine & aspirin)

ticagrelor (Brilinta)

(**ask your NPM when to stop this medication**)

Ticlid (ticlopidine)

Tolectin, Tolectin DS (tolmetin)

Toradol (ketorolac)

Tramadol (Ultram)

Trental (pentoxifylline)

Tricosal (choline and magnesium salicylates)

Trilisate (choline and magnesium salicylates)

Tromblyl (aspirin)

U

Ultram (tramadol)

V

Vanquish (acetaminophen, aspirin and caffeine, buffered)

Vioxx (rofecoxib)

Vitamin E

Voltaren (diclofenac)

W

warfarin (Coumadin)

X

Xarelto (rivaroxaban) (**t ask your NPM when to stop this medication**)

Z

ZORprin (aspirin)

Medication	Date to Stop Taking Medication	Notes



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