

**JOSWE**  
**CLOVEX**<sup>®</sup>  
Clopidogrel 75 mg

Clopidogrel, Antiplatelet Agent.

**COMPOSITION**

**CLOVEX**, 75: Each tablet contains 75 mg of clopidogrel.

**MECHANISM OF ACTION**

Blocks the ADP (adenosine diphosphate) receptors, which prevent fibrinogen binding at that site and thereby reduce the possibility of platelet adhesion and aggregation.

**USE**

Clopidogrel is an antiplatelet agent. Reduce atherosclerotic events (myocardial infarction, stroke, death). Clopidogrel prevent blood clots and reduce the risk of these severe events such as hardening of arteries (atherothrombosis) and established heart attack, stroke, peripheral arterial disease. Also if you have experienced unstable angina or myocardial infarction, in this case you should also be given aspirin by your doctor.

**CONTRAINDICATIONS**

Hypersensitivity to Clopidogrel; active pathological bleeding such as a stomach ulcer; severe liver disease, breast feeding. Consult your doctor if you may have any of these problems.

**WARNINGS AND PRECAUTIONS**

Tell your doctor if you have:

- Risk of hemorrhage such as a stomach ulcer, blood disorder that makes you prone to internal bleeding (bleeding inside any tissues, organs or joints of your body), a recent serious injury, a recent surgery (including dental) and a planned surgery (including dental).
- If you are taking another type of medication (see Drug Interactions).
- If you have kidney or liver disease

Clopidogrel is not intended for use in children or adolescents less than 18 years of age.

**PREGNANCY AND LACTATION**

Pregnancy Risk Factor: B

You should tell your doctor if you are pregnant, suspect that you are pregnant, or if you become pregnant.

If you are a mother breast-feeding a baby, you should not take Clopidogrel.

**DRIVING AND USING MACHINES**

Clopidogrel is unlikely to affect your ability to drive or to use machines.

**DRUG INTERACTIONS**

Inform your physician or pharmacist about any other current treatment or have recently taken any other medicines even those not prescribed. Concurrent use of warfarin and Clopidogrel is not recommended. You should tell your physician if you take a non steroidal anti-inflammatory medicine, heparin or another drug used to reduce blood clotting.

If you have experienced severe chest pain (unstable angina or heart attack), you may be prescribed Clopidogrel in combination with aspirin. An occasional use of aspirin (no more than 1000 mg in any 24 hour period) should generally not cause a problem, but prolonged use in other circumstances should be discussed with your physician.

## DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION

The recommended daily dose is 75 mg of **CLOVEX**<sup>®</sup> per day to be taken orally with or without food, regularly and at the same time each day.

At the start of treatment, if you have experienced severe chest pain, your physician may give you 300 mg of **CLOVEX**<sup>®</sup> (4 tablets of 75 mg)

You should take Clopidogrel for as long as your physician continues to prescribe it.

### Missing dose

If you forget to take a dose of **CLOVEX**<sup>®</sup>, but remember within 12 hours of your usual time, take your tablet straight away and then take your next tablet at the usual time.

If you forget for more than 12 hours, simply take the next single dose at the usual time. Do not take a double dose to make up for the forgotten individual doses.

### Overdose

Contact your physician because Clopidogrel may lead to prolonged bleeding time and subsequent bleeding complications.

### Effects when treatment with **CLOVEX**<sup>®</sup> is stopped

Do not stop the treatment. Contact your doctor or pharmacist before stopping.

### SIDE EFFECTS

Like all medicines, Clopidogrel can have side effects.

The most common side-effect reported with Clopidogrel is bleeding such as bruising, haematoma, nose bleed, blood in the urine, bleeding in the stomach or bowels. In a small number of cases, bleeding in the eye, inside the head, the lung or the joints has also been reported.

The other side-effects reported with Clopidogrel are:

- Diarrhoea, abdominal pain, constipation, nausea, vomiting, indigestion or heart burn;
- Vertigo, headache, decrease in blood pressure, confusion, hallucinations;
- Skin disorders such as rashes and itching, generalized allergic reactions;
- Joint pain, fever, taste disorders.

Contact immediately your doctor if you experience:

- Fever, signs of infection or extreme tiredness due to rare decrease of some blood cells.
- Jaundice as cases of liver disorders have been very rarely reported.

If you experience prolonged bleeding when taking **CLOVEX**<sup>®</sup>

If you cut or injure your self, it may take slightly longer than usual for bleeding to stop. This is linked to the way your medicine works. For minor cuts and injuries e.g., cutting your self, shaving, this is of no concern. However, if you are in any doubt at all, you should contact your physician immediately.

### STORAGE CONDITION

Store below 30°C.

Don't use after the expiry date.

- A medicament is a product that affects your health, and its consumption contrary to instructions is dangerous for you.
- Follow strictly the doctor's prescription, the method of use and the instructions of the pharmacist who dispensed the medicament.
- The doctor and the pharmacist are experts in medicine.
- Do not by yourself interrupt the period of treatment prescribed for you.
- Do not repeat the same prescription without consulting your doctor.
- Keep medicaments out of the reach of children.

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