

## PATIENT INFORMATION

# Tranexamic Acid

### What is tranexamic acid?

Tranexamic acid is a drug used to reduce bleeding. When you bleed your body produces clots as part of the healing process. In some people these are very fragile. Tranexamic acid helps to make them more stable.

### How is it given?

- By mouth either as tablets or in mouthwash form
- Intravenously as an injection into the vein.
- It is sometimes used topically – directly on the bleeding area.

Your doctor will advise you about the appropriate use of tranexamic acid.

### Who is it useful for?

- People with bleeding disorders having
- Dental extractions
- Surgery
- Nose bleeds
- Women with heavy periods

### You should not take tranexamic acid if:

- You have blood in your urine.
- You have developed disturbances in your colour vision.

### You should let your doctor know if:

- You have previously had a clot either in your limbs or lung.
- You have kidney disease.
- You are pregnant or breast -feeding.

## **Possible side effects:**

- Nausea/sickness
- Diarrhoea

These may be related to the dose of Tranexamic acid.

**If you have any problems or concerns with your medication then contact:  
Fiona Dooley Haemostasis/Thrombosis Clinical Nurse Specialist ☎ (01803)  
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- **Haematology Department ☎ (01803) 655280**

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