



Anticoagulation Management Service
Patient & Family Medication Education

Betrixaban (Bevyxxa®)

Betrixaban (Bevyxxa®) is an anticoagulant used to prevent blood clots from forming in your body. It is sometimes called a blood thinner. It is used to lower the risk of developing blood clots in the veins of legs (deep vein thrombosis or DVT) or lungs (pulmonary embolism or PE) which may occur after hospitalization for a medical illness.

Do NOT STOP TAKING this medicine without talking to the doctor who prescribed it or your pharmacist at the anticoagulation clinic. This drug is NOT for use in people with artificial heart valves.

HOW and WHEN to take Betrixaban (Bevyxxa®)

- **Follow the dosing instructions provided by your doctor or by your pharmacist at the anticoagulation clinic**
- Take your dose **once daily, at the same time each day**, with food
- This medicine is a **short-term medicine**, usually taken for 35 to 42 days

Be sure your prescription is refilled on time and you do not miss a dose, because this can increase your risk of having a blood clot.

- If you missed a dose, take it as soon as you remember on the same day and tell your doctor or pharmacist at the anticoagulation clinic. Take your usual dose on the next day. Do **NOT** take two pills at once.

Missing doses increases the risk of having a blood clot.

- If you take too much betrixaban (Bevyxxa®), go to the nearest emergency room or call your doctor / anticoagulation clinic immediately. Taking too much medication may cause more bleeding.

- If you need surgery, a medical or dental procedure (especially spinal or epidural), talk to the doctor or pharmacist at the anticoagulation clinic who prescribed betrixaban. You may need to stop this medicine for a short time.

Normal SIDE EFFECTS of betrixaban (Bevyxxa®)

- This medicine may cause bleeding. Stay away from activities that may increase the risk of bleeding or injury.
- Bleeding from cuts may take longer to stop. Bruising may happen more easily. This is normal.
- Other side effects may include: skin rash or an allergic reaction (such as chest pain or tightness, swelling in your face or tongue, trouble breathing or wheezing, or feeling dizzy or faint). Tell your doctor about any side effects that bother you.

Danger Signs CALL THE ANTICOAGULATION CLINIC or get emergency medical help by dialing 911

if you have:

- Signs of an allergic reaction such as chest pain or tightness, swelling in your face or tongue, trouble breathing or wheezing, or feeling dizzy or faint
- Blood coming from your mouth, nose or gums
- Blood or blood clots in your sputum (spit) after coughing
- For females, bleeding from your vagina or menstrual flow heavier than normal
- Vomit that is bloody or looks like “coffee grounds”
- Red or black (tarry) stool
- Pink or dark brown urine
- Bruising that is worse than usual or happens for no reason at all
- Unusual headache or difficulty in thinking or speaking
- Any weakness or numbness on your face, arms or legs
- Unexpected pain and/or swelling (headache or joint pain for example)
- A bad fall or injury, especially if you hit your head

IMPORTANT THINGS to know when taking betrixaban (Bevyxxa®)

- Tell all your doctors, dentists, and other health care providers that you take betrixaban (Bevyxxa®).
- Kidney and liver problems can affect this drug. Tell your doctor prescribing betrixaban (Bevyxxa®) if you were told you have these problems. Blood tests may be needed from time to time to check this.
- When filling a new prescription or taking over-the-counter medicines or herbal products ask your pharmacist to make sure that it is safe to take with betrixaban (Bevyxxa®).
- Some medicines may affect the way this medicine works [examples: ketoconazole (*Nizoral*®), itraconazole (*Onmel*®, *Sporanox*®), ritonavir (*Norvir*®), clarithromycin (*Biaxin*®), azithromycin (*Zithromax*®, *Z-Pak*®, *Zmax*®), amiodarone (*Pacerone*®, *Cordarone*®, *Nexterone*®), verapamil (*Calan*®, *Verelan*®, *Calan SR*®), Ginkgo (*Ginkgo Biloba*)]
- Some medicines taken with betrixaban may increase your risk of bleeding. [examples: aspirin, NSAIDs (*Motrin*®, *Advil*®), *Naprosyn*®), heparins, warfarin, selective serotonin reuptake inhibitors (SSRIs), serotonin norepinephrine reuptake inhibitors (SNRIs)]
- Keep a list of all your medicines, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines and herbal products, to share with your doctors and other health care providers.

Betrixaban (Bevyxxa®) and Pregnancy/Breast feedings

- There are not enough studies to inform us if betrixaban (Bevyxxa®) is safe during pregnancy.
- It is very important to tell your doctor or the anticoagulation clinic if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.
- It is not known if this medicine is passed through breast milk. **Talk with your doctor or the anticoagulation clinic if you are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed.**

STORING betrixaban (Bevyxxa®)

- Store at room temperature between 68°F to 77°F (20°C to 25°C)
- Keep out of the reach of children