

# Clopidogrel (Plavix<sup>®</sup>) and Proton Pump Inhibitor Interactions

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Clopidogrel (Plavix) is a blood thinner. It is used to prevent blood clots that could lead to a heart attack or stroke.

The helpful effects of clopidogrel may be reduced if you also take a proton pump inhibitor. This medicine is used to treat acid reflux and ulcers.

The risk of heart attack and stroke increases when clopidogrel and proton pump inhibitors are taken together.

(See the chart on the other side for a current list of proton pump inhibitors.)

## What To Do

- If you take clopidogrel, keep taking it.
- **If you take clopidogrel and a proton pump inhibitor**, call your health care provider and ask for directions.
- **If you take clopidogrel and are thinking of taking a proton pump inhibitor**, call your health care provider.
- You may take these acid-reducing medicines that do not conflict with clopidogrel:
  - famotidine (Pepcid<sup>®</sup>)
  - ranitidine (Zantac<sup>®</sup>)
  - Tums<sup>®</sup>
  - Maalox<sup>®</sup>
  - Mylanta<sup>®</sup>
  - Pepto-Bismol<sup>®</sup>
  - AlternaGel<sup>®</sup>.

Generic Name	Brand Name	How Available
omeprazole	Prilosec®	over-the-counter <b>and</b> by prescription
omeprazole/sodium bicarbonate	Zegerid®	prescription only
esomeprazole	Nexium®	prescription only
lansoprazole	Prevacid®	prescription only
pantoprazole	Protonix®	prescription only
rabeprazole	Aciphex®	prescription only
dexlansoprazole	Kapidex®	prescription only