

XARELTO® (rivaroxaban) Can I Crush or Split XARELTO Tablets?

Important Information About XARELTO

If you stop taking XARELTO, you may have an increased risk of forming a clot in your blood.

XARELTO helps to prevent clot formation and lowers your risk of stroke.

Do not stop taking XARELTO without talking to the doctor who prescribes it for you.



Atrial fibrillation is a type of irregular heartbeat that is not caused by a heart valve problem.

People with **atrial fibrillation** are at an **increased risk of forming a blood clot in the heart**, which can travel to the brain or to other parts of the body, **causing a stroke**.

If you have to stop taking XARELTO, your doctor may prescribe another blood thinner medicine to prevent a blood clot from forming.

XARELTO can cause bleeding, which can be serious and may lead to death.

During treatment with XARELTO



You are likely to **bruise more easily**, and it may take **longer for the bleeding to stop**



You may have a **higher risk of bleeding** if you **have** certain **other medical problems** or **take other medicines** that increase your risk of bleeding^a

While taking a blood thinner like XARELTO



If you have **medicine injected** into the **spinal and epidural area** or have a spinal puncture...



...there is a **risk of blood clot formation**...



...that can cause **long-term** or **permanent** loss of the ability to move (**paralysis**)^b

Call your doctor right away if you or your child develop any signs or symptoms of bleeding.

^aPlease see the [MEDICATION GUIDE](#) for a list of other medications that increase your risk of bleeding and signs or symptoms of bleeding.

^bPlease see the [MEDICATION GUIDE](#) for a list of risk factors and symptoms of spinal or epidural blood clots.

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How Should I Take XARELTO?



Take XARELTO exactly as prescribed by your doctor.

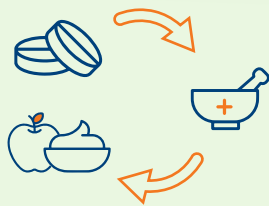


Do not change your dose or stop taking XARELTO unless your doctor tells you to. Your doctor may change your dose if needed.

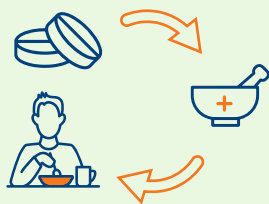


If you have difficulty swallowing XARELTO tablets whole, talk to your doctor about other ways to take XARELTO.

How to Take XARELTO as an Adult



For **adult patients** who are **unable to swallow whole tablets**, XARELTO tablets of **all strengths** may be **crushed and mixed with applesauce** immediately prior to taking.

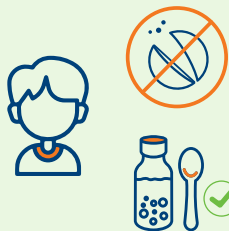


After taking a crushed XARELTO 15 mg or 20 mg tablet, the dose should be **immediately followed by food**.

It is **not required to take** the **2.5 or 10 mg tablets along with food**.

Crushed XARELTO tablets (all strengths) are stable in water and applesauce for up to 4 hours.

How to Take XARELTO as a Child



If your **child is taking the tablet**, it should be **taken whole**; it **should not be split** to provide a lower dose of XARELTO.

If your **child is unable to swallow whole tablets**, XARELTO **oral suspension may be used**.

This information is provided ONLY in response to your request and is not intended as medical advice, to promote the use of our product, or suggest using it in any manner other than as described in the PRESCRIBING INFORMATION. All decisions regarding your medical treatment should be made with your healthcare professional(s). Please contact your healthcare professional(s) to discuss the information in this response.

Please refer to the attached full PRESCRIBING INFORMATION and the MEDICATION GUIDE for XARELTO.¹

1. XARELTO (rivaroxaban) [Package Insert]. Titusville, NJ: Janssen Pharmaceuticals, Inc;

<https://www.janssenlabels.com/package-insert/product-monograph/prescribing-information/XARELTO-pi.pdf>