

## Apixaban Medication Switch

You are receiving this letter because you are currently taking apixaban due to an irregular heartbeat (atrial fibrillation).

Apixaban (Eliquis) is a type of medicine called an anticoagulant. Anticoagulants are used to reduce the risk of stroke in people that have an irregular heartbeat.

Edoxaban is another anticoagulant medicine. It works in the same way as apixaban. However, edoxaban costs less than apixaban. Using medicines with the lowest cost means that the money saved can be used to support the wider NHS.

The practice is reviewing all patients currently taking apixaban due to irregular heartbeat to see if they would be suitable to switch to edoxaban instead.

**According to our records you have are currently taking:**

**Apixaban (Eliquis®) Xmg tablets**  
**Take ONE tablet TWICE daily**

**We have identified that you would be suitable for a switch to:**



**Edoxaban (Lixiana®) XXmg tablets,**  
**Take ONE tablet ONCE daily**

When you next request a repeat prescription for apixaban, we will prescribe edoxaban for you instead. Apixaban will be stopped.



**IMPORTANT: Edoxaban must be taken ONCE a daily only**  
**NEVER take apixaban and edoxaban at the same time.**

Take both the morning and evening dose of apixaban the day before switching. Then start taking edoxaban the next morning. **Do not take any more apixaban.** Continue to take edoxaban ONCE daily each morning.

The strength of edoxaban is different to apixaban. This is the dose required for this medicine to be effective.

If you have any questions regarding this change, please contact your GP practice or your local community pharmacist