

Rivaroxaban Medication Switch

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

Rivaroxaban (Xarelto®) 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 rivaroxaban. However, edoxaban costs less than rivaroxaban. 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 rivaroxaban due to an irregular heartbeat to see if they would be suitable to switch to edoxaban instead.

According to our records you have are currently taking:

Rivaroxaban (Xarelto®) Xmg tablets
Take ONE tablet ONCE 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 rivaroxaban, we will prescribe edoxaban for you instead. Rivaroxaban will be stopped.



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

Take your dose of rivaroxaban as normal on the day before switching. The following day, start taking edoxaban instead. You should take your first dose of edoxaban at the time you would have previously taken your rivaroxaban. **Do not take any more rivaroxaban.** Continue to take edoxaban ONCE daily.

The strength of edoxaban is different to rivaroxaban. 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.