

When taking a blood thinner such as
Rivaroxaban it is important to be aware of
its possible side effects. Bleeding is the
most common side effect. Do not start
taking Rivaroxaban if you know you are
at risk of bleeding, without first discussing
this with your doctor. Tell your health care
provider straight away if you have any
signs or symptoms of bleeding such as the
following:

- pain
- swelling or discomfort
- headache, dizziness or weakness
- unusual bruising, nosebleeds, bleeding
   of gums, cuts that take a long time to stop bleeding
- menstrual flow or vaginal bleeding that is heavier than normal
- blood in your urine which may be pink or brown, red or black stools
- coughing up blood, or vomiting blood
   or material that looks like coffee
   grounds

## How do I take Rivaroxaban?

- To ensure optimal protection, Rivaroxaban
  - 2.5 mg can be taken with or without food
  - ----10 mg-can be taken with orwithout food
  - 15 mg must be taken with food
  - 20 mg must be taken with food

