Dear Patient,

Your doctor has initiated treatment with Pradaxa®. In order to use Pradaxa® safely, please consider the important information inside. As this patient alert card contains important information about your treatment, please carry this card with you at all times to inform healthcare professionals about your intake of Pradaxa®.

Pradaxa® Information for Patients

About your treatment
• Pradaxa® thins the blood, which prevents you from getting dangerous blood clots.
• Follow your doctor’s instructions when taking Pradaxa®. Never skip a dose or stop the intake of Pradaxa® without talking to your doctor.
• Inform your doctor about all medicines you are currently taking.
• Inform your doctor about your intake of Pradaxa® before any surgery/invasive procedure.

• Pradaxa® can be taken with or without food. Swallow the capsule whole with a glass of water. Do not break, chew, or empty the pellets from the capsule.

When to seek medical advice
• Taking Pradaxa® may increase the risk of bleeding. Speak to your doctor immediately if you experience any of the following possible signs and symptoms of bleeding: swelling, discomfort, unusual pain or headache, dizziness, paleness, weakness, unusual bruising, nosebleeds, bleeding of gums, unusual long bleeding cuts, abnormal menstrual flow or

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vaginal bleeding, blood in your urine which may be pink or brown, red/black stools, coughing up blood, vomiting blood or coffee ground like material.

• If you fall or injure yourself, especially if you hit your head, urgently seek medical advice.

• Do not stop intake of Pradaxa® without talking to your doctor, if you experience heartburn, nausea, vomiting, stomach discomfort, bloating or upper abdominal pain.

Pradaxa® Information for Healthcare Professionals

• Pradaxa® is an oral anticoagulant (direct thrombin inhibitor).

• Pradaxa® may need to be stopped in advance of surgical or other invasive procedures.

• In case of major bleeding events, Pradaxa® must be stopped immediately.

• A specific reversal agent (Praxbind®) is available (please refer to the Summary of Product Characteristics of Pradaxa® and Praxbind®).

• Pradaxa® is mainly eliminated by the kidneys; adequate diuresis must be maintained. Pradaxa® is dialyzable.

Please complete this section or ask your doctor to do it.

Patient Information

Name of the patient

Date of birth

Indication for anticoagulation

Dose of Pradaxa®