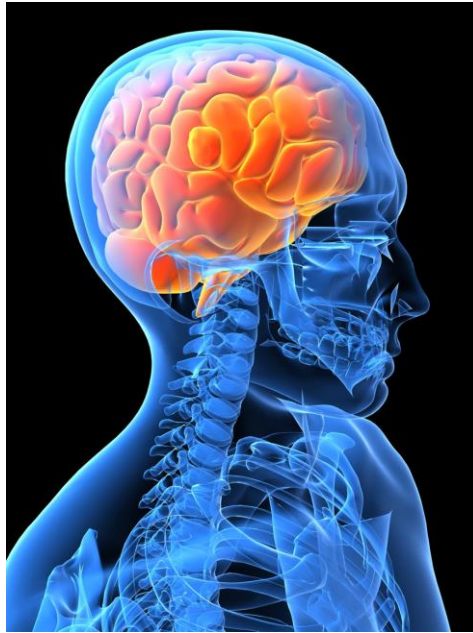


Stroke Prevention Medication Guide

Here are types of some of the common medications that your doctor **may** prescribe for stroke prevention. This does not include every medication that may be prescribed for you. Be sure to ask your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist if you need more information.



1. ACE Inhibitors
2. Angiotensin II Antagonists
3. Anticoagulants (“Blood Thinners”)
4. Beta-Blockers
5. Calcium Channel Blockers
6. Platelet Inhibitors
7. Statins
8. Combination Medications

1. ACE Inhibitors: protect your heart and kidneys.

Generic Name	Brand Name	Possible Side Effects
benazepril	Lotensin	Cough, dizziness, headache, and or a lower blood pressure
captopril	Capoten	
enalapril	Vasotec	
fosinopril	Monopril	
lisinopril	Prinivil or Zestril	
moexipril	Univasc	
quinapril	Accupril	
perindopril	Aceon	
ramipril	Altace	
trandolapril	Mavik	

2. Angiotensin II Antagonists: protect your heart and kidneys.

Generic Name	Brand Name	Possible Side Effects
azilsartan	Edarbi	Dizziness, nausea, muscle cramps, and or a lower blood pressure
candesartan	Atacand	
eprosartan	Teveten	
irbesartan	Avapro	
losartan	Cozaar	
olmesartan	Benicar	
telmisartan	Micardis	
valsartan	Diovan	

3. Anticoagulants or “Blood Thinners”: helps prevent blood clots.

Generic Name	Brand Name	Possible Side Effects
apixiban	Eliquis	bleeding, bruising, and or an upset stomach
dabigatran	Pradaxa	
rivaroxaban	Xarelto	
warfarin	Coumadin	

4. Beta-Blockers: lessens the work your heart has to do.

Generic Name	Brand Name	Possible Side Effects
atenolol	Tenormin	lower blood sugar, heart may beat slower, may feel tired, dizziness, and or a lower blood pressure
bisoprolol	Zebeta	
carvedilol	Coreg	
metoprolol succinate	Toprol XL	
metoprolol tartrate	Lopressor	
nebivolol	Bystolic	

5. Calcium Channel Blockers: used to treat heart rhythm disturbances and chest pain. Your doctor will decide if it is suitable for you to be on this type of medication.

Generic Name	Brand Name	Possible Side Effects
amlodipine	Norvasc	dizziness, heart may beat slower or faster, and or a lower blood pressure
diltiazem	Cardizem	

6. Platelet Inhibitors: prevent platelets from sticking together in the blood, in order to prevent dangerous clots.

Generic Name	Brand Name	Possible Side Effects
aspirin	Ecotrin or Bufferin	bleeding, upset stomach, and or a rash
Aspirin/extended-release dipyridamole	Aggrenox	
clopidogrel	Plavix	
prasugrel	Effient	
ticlopidine	Ticlid	

7. Statins: block the body's ability to make cholesterol. Cholesterol can adhere to the walls of the blood vessels to prevent blood from flowing smoothly.

Generic Name	Brand Name	Possible Side Effects
atorvastatin	Lipitor	<u>rare</u> side effect: severe cramps in muscles (call your doctor if this occurs)
fluvastatin	Lescol	
lovastatin	Mevacor or Altoprev	
pitavastatin	Livalo	
pravastatin	Pravachol	
rosuvastatin	Crestor	
simvastatin	Zocor	

8. Combination Medication:

Sometimes your doctor may prescribe a combination medication that contains two or more medications in the same pill. Double check that you aren't taking the combination medication along with one of ingredients in that combination!

Brand Name	Ingredients
Advicor	Lovastatin and Niacin
Caduet	Amlodipine and Atorvastatin
Exforge	Amlodipine and Valsartan
Lotrel	Amlodipine and Benazepril
Simcor	Niacin and Simvastatin
Twynsta	Telmisartan and Amlodipine

Notes About Your Medication

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