

Changing from Edoxaban to Apixaban

A SMALL CHANGE THAT HELPS THE NHS
WHILE KEEPING YOUR CARE SAFE AND
EFFECTIVE

Why are we asking you to consider a change?

You are currently taking Edoxaban to help reduce the risk of stroke linked to atrial fibrillation.

Recently, another medicine called Apixaban — which works in the same way — has become much cheaper for the NHS. This is because its patent has expired, allowing other companies to produce the same medicine at a lower cost. Both medicines are equally effective and safe. The only difference is that Apixaban now costs much less.



Same protection, smarter choice

**Apixaban saves the NHS around
£47 every month per patient.**

Switching across Powys could save around **£750,000** a year — money that can be reinvested into local care, services, and treatments that support people in our **community**.



How will the change happen?

SWITCHING IS SIMPLE:

- ✓ Finish your remaining Edoxaban tablets as usual
- ✓ Start your new medicine the very next day

Your new medicine: Apixaban

- ✓ Taken twice a day, about 12 hours apart
- ✓ Can be taken with or without food
- ✓ Has a slightly lower risk of major bleeding compared with some other options
- ✓ If you usually crush your tablets, you can do the same with Apixaban

Alternative option: Rivaroxaban

- ✓ Taken once a day, but must be taken with a full meal
- ✓ Missing food can make it less effective
- ✓ Has a slightly higher risk of bleeding than Apixaban

What do you need to do?



Please respond to this message to let us know if you're happy to change to Apixaban or Rivaroxaban. Once we receive your response, one of our pharmacists will call you to confirm the details and answer any questions you may have.

Still have questions?



During your call, the pharmacist will take time to explain everything and make sure you're comfortable with the change. If you have more questions afterwards, you can contact the practice at any time.

You can also read the full patient information leaflets here:

- ✓ [Apixaban patient leaflet \(PDF\)](#)
- ✓ [Rivaroxaban patient leaflet \(PDF\)](#)

Ready to let us know your decision?

We hope this leaflet has reassured you that the change is safe, straightforward, and will make a real difference to your NHS. However, if you decide not to switch, that's absolutely fine — **it's your choice**. If you're ready to share your decision, simply respond to this message to let us know whether you agree to the change, and one of our pharmacists will be in touch to guide you through the next steps.

