

Pharmacologic properties:

Plavix is an inhibitor of platelet aggregation. It inhibits adenosine diphosphate binding to platelet receptors.

Indications:

Plavix 75 mg is indicated in the acute MI / cardiac event setting to prevent further clotting in events associated with atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease.

Contraindications:

Hypersensitivity to the drug or its components. GI bleed, peptic ulcer or intracranial hemorrhage. Caution in patients with increased risk of bleeding from trauma or recent surgery. Caution should also be used in patients with impaired liver function.

Precautions:

General risk of bleeding.

Side effects/ adverse reactions:

Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, hemorrhage, dizziness, headache, urticaria, rash, and anaphylaxis may occur if the patient is allergic.

Dosage and administration:*Adult*

One 75 mg tablet PO (swallowed).

Pediatric

There is no approved dose for children.