Medicine Safety and You
Alteplase or Activase®

New medicine:
Alteplase

Brand names:
Activase®, Cathflo®, Activase®rt-PA

Use (circle one):
• Used to stop heart muscle problems during a heart attack
• Used to clear blood clots out of catheters
• Used to treat blood clots

Potential side effects:
• Bleeding can happen (rarely)

All medicines have the potential to produce effects other than the intended use of the medicine. The chance of experiencing a side effect depends on the medicine, how it is used, what other medicines a person is taking, and individual traits such as age, weight, and other diseases. Some people have no side effects, some mild, some severe.

If you experience any of these side effects, tell your doctor or nurse right away.

Please speak up at any time if you have any questions or concerns.