Medicine Safety and You
Clopidogrel or Plavix®

New medicine:
Clopidogrel

Brand name:
Plavix®

Use:
Prevents heart attacks and strokes and protects the arteries after heart procedures.

Potential side effects:

- Dizziness
- Flu-like symptoms - fever, weakness, aches and pains
- Stomach pain, heart burn, nausea and vomiting.

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.

Important information:
You may bleed more easily, use a soft toothbrush, electric razor or other items. Speak to your doctor before taking over the counter medications, especially aspirin containing products, antacids, ginseng or Vitamin E.

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