

## BIVALIRUDIN

*biv-al-ih-roo-din*

### What does it do?

*Bivalirudin* is used to treat and prevent clots in your blood.

### Before you start

- Tell your doctor if you have kidney or bleeding problems.
- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.

### How is it given?

*Bivalirudin* is given as an infusion or a slow injection into a vein.

### Can you take other medicines?

Tell your pharmacist or doctor about all medicines or treatments that you may be taking, including vitamins, herbal products or recreational drugs.

### What side effects might you notice?

| Side Effects                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | Recommended action              |
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| Reduced number of blood cells that help your blood to clot - symptoms include: easy or unusual bruising or bleeding<br>Coughing or vomiting of blood, vomit that looks like coffee grounds<br>Nose bleeds<br>Red or dark brown urine, red or black bowel motions<br>Headache, dizziness, changes in vision or speech<br>Symptoms of allergy including: skin rash, itching, swelling, trouble breathing | Tell your doctor immediately    |
| Pain, tenderness or redness at injection site                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Tell your doctor if troublesome |

If you notice any other effects, discuss them with your doctor or pharmacist.