



# Drug Handout: Clopidogrel

## What is Clopidogrel?

Clopidogrel is an anti-platelet drug that works by decreasing the ability of platelets to stick together to form clots.

## Uses/Indications

- Decrease the risk for the development of blood clots in instances of feline cardiomyopathies, pulmonary hypertension, and other causes of increased clotting risk

**Adverse Effects** [please contact CVCA should any of these symptoms be noted]

- **Drooling secondary to bitter taste (more common in cats)**
- **Decreased appetite, vomiting or diarrhea most common side effects**
- **Small increased risk for bleeding**

## Client Information

- Best given with food to help with the taste and to avoid stomach upset
- Available in tablets. Can be reformulated in chewables. Can be made into a liquid, however not recommended due to the bitter taste
- Commonly used concurrently with aspirin
- Does not require any specific monitoring
- **Please tell any veterinary professional that your pet is on Clopidogrel/Plavix, especially prior to any dental or surgical procedures**

## Interactions with Other Drugs

- Increased risk for bleeding if used with aspirin, coumadin, or non-steroidal antiinflammatories (Rimadyl, Deramaxx, Metacam)
- Omeprazole decreases efficacy
- Increases blood levels of torsemide

## Standard Dosage Forms

Clopidogrel 75mg tablets

## Synonyms

Plavix

