



BRETTON PARK HEALTHCARE

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Dear Patient

Important information about your repeat Rivaroxaban prescription

The Medicines and Healthcare products Regulatory Agency (MHRA) is an executive agency of the Department of Health and Social Care in the United Kingdom which is responsible for ensuring that medicines and medical devices work and are acceptably safe.

The MHRA have recently issued an alert to advise doctors that patients **taking certain strengths of rivaroxaban may be more susceptible to clots if the medication is taken on an empty stomach.**

Rivaroxaban-containing medicines belongs to a group of medicines known as DOACS (direct oral anticoagulants). These medicines are used to thin the blood and help prevent blood clots

In light of the recent alert, we request that you take your Rivaroxaban 15mg/ 20mg **with your main meal**. This will ensure that your medication can work in the most effective way possible.

Alternatively, if you are unable to swallow the tablets you may crush it and mix it with water or apple puree before your main meal. If required, you can purchase a tablet crusher from your local pharmacy.

If you have any questions about your medication please speak to your pharmacist.

Yours Sincerely

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