

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI) summary

The [full CMI](#) on the next page has more details. If you are worried about using this medicine, speak to your doctor or pharmacist.

1. Why am I being given AGGRASTAT?

AGGRASTAT contains the active ingredient tirofiban. AGGRASTAT, in combination with heparin (another medicine used to prevent blood clots) is used to prevent complications that may occur in people who have unstable angina (a type of chest pain) or having a heart attack.

For more information, see Section [1. Why am I being given AGGRASTAT?](#) in the full CMI.

2. What should I know before I am given AGGRASTAT?

Do not use if you have ever had an allergic reaction to AGGRASTAT or any of the ingredients listed at the end of the CMI.

Talk to your doctor if you have any other medical conditions, take any other medicines, or are pregnant or plan to become pregnant or are breastfeeding.

For more information, see Section [2. What should I know before I am given AGGRASTAT?](#) in the full CMI.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Some medicines may interfere with AGGRASTAT and affect how it works.

A list of these medicines is in Section [3. What if I am taking other medicines?](#) in the full CMI.

4. How is AGGRASTAT given?

- AGGRASTAT is given as a slow injection into a vein.
- AGGRASTAT must only be given by a doctor or nurse.
- Your doctor will decide what dose to give and how long you will receive AGGRASTAT.

More instructions can be found in Section [4. How is AGGRASTAT given?](#) in the full CMI.

5. What should I know while being given AGGRASTAT?

Things you should do	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tell your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are being given AGGRASTAT.
Looking after your medicine	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• AGGRASTAT will be stored in the pharmacy or on the ward.• It is kept in a cool, dry place where it is protected from light and where the temperature stays below 30°C.

For more information, see Section [5. What should I know while being given AGGRASTAT?](#) in the full CMI.

6. Are there any side effects?

Common side effects of AGGRASTAT include nausea, fever, or headache. Serious side effects can also occur. These involve unusual bleeding or bruising, including bleeding gums, nose bleeds, blood in your urine, bloody or black, tarry stools, coughing up blood, or vomiting blood or material that looks like coffee grounds. Other serious side effects may relate to an allergic reaction, including rash, pinkish, itchy swellings on the skin (also called hives or nettle rash), swelling of the face/lips/mouth/throat which may cause difficulty in swallowing or breathing, chills, dizziness, or wheezing.

For more information, including what to do if you have any side effects, see Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#) in the full CMI.

Aggrastat®

Active ingredient(s): *tirofiban hydrochloride*

Consumer Medicine Information (CMI)

This leaflet provides important information about using AGGRASTAT. **You should also speak to your doctor or pharmacist if you would like further information or if you have any concerns or questions about using AGGRASTAT.**

Where to find information in this leaflet:

- [1. Why am I being given AGGRASTAT?](#)
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1. Why am I being given AGGRASTAT?

AGGRASTAT contains the active ingredient **tirofiban**. AGGRASTAT belongs to a group of medicines called platelet aggregation inhibitors.

It works by preventing cells in the blood, called platelets, from sticking together to form blood clots. If blood clots are not treated or prevented, they can block blood vessels. This can lead to complications such as angina or heart attacks.

AGGRASTAT, in combination with heparin (another medicine used to prevent blood clots), is used to prevent complications that may occur in people who have unstable angina (a type of chest pain) or are having a heart attack.

2. What should I know before I am given AGGRASTAT?

Warnings

You must not be given AGGRASTAT if:

- You are allergic to tirofiban, or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.**
 - Some symptoms of an allergic reaction may include shortness of breath, wheezing or difficulty in breathing; swelling of the face, lips, tongue, or any other parts of the body; rash, itching or hives on the skin.
 - Always check the ingredients to make sure you can use this medicine.
- You have any of the following medical conditions:**
 - Bleeding inside your body, or a history of increased tendency to bleeding, especially within the last 30 days.
 - A history of bleeding in the brain or brain tumour.

- A history of abnormal or deformed arteries or veins.
- A history of swelling and weakening of a part of a blood vessel, also called aneurysm.
- A history of stroke, especially within the last 30 days, or any history of stroke due to bleeding in the brain.
- Major surgery of physical trauma, including falls or blows to the body or head, especially within the last month.
- A history, symptoms, or signs of aortic dissection, a disease of a large blood vessel.
- Severe, uncontrolled high blood pressure.
- Pericarditis, a condition which involves swelling of the lining that surrounds the heart.
- You have used AGGRASTAT before and developed a low platelet count. If you are not sure whether you have received AGGRASTAT before and developed a low platelet count, ask your doctor.**
- You are already receiving an injection of another 'platelet aggregation inhibitor' medicine**
- The expiry date on the pack has passed.**
- The package shows signs of tampering.**

Tell your doctor if you:

- have any other medical conditions, especially the following:**
 - any bleeding problems, including stomach bleeding, or blood in your urine or stools, within the last year.
 - blood clotting problems or platelet diseases, including low platelet count,
 - disease of the blood vessels of the brain, including stroke, within the last year
 - problems with the blood vessels in the back of your eye/s
 - kidney disease or are undergoing dialysis.
- you have received platelet aggregation inhibitors before.
- you recently had an epidural (spinal) procedure.
- take any medicines for any other condition.
- have had any allergy to any other medicines, or any other substances, such as foods, preservatives, or dyes.

During treatment, you may be at risk of developing certain side effects. It is important you understand these risks and how to monitor for them. See additional information under Section [6. Are there any side effects?](#)

Pregnancy and breastfeeding

Tell your doctor if you are pregnant.

Like most medicines, AGGRASTAT is generally not recommended during pregnancy. However, if there is a need to consider using AGGRASTAT during pregnancy,

your doctor will discuss the possible risks and benefits to you and your unborn baby.

Do not use AGGRASTAT if you are breastfeeding or intend to breastfeed.

AGGRASTAT is not recommended for use while breastfeeding. It is not known whether it passes into breast milk.

Use in children

Do not use AGGRASTAT in children.

The safety and effectiveness in children has not been established.

3. What if I am taking other medicines?

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines, including any medicines, vitamins or supplements that you buy without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

Some medicines and AGGRASTAT may interfere with each other. This includes:

- medicines used to dissolve or prevent blood clots, including warfarin

These medicines may be affected by AGGRASTAT, or may affect how well it works. You may need different amounts of your medicine, or you may need to take different medicines.

Check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure about what medicines, vitamins or supplements you are taking and if these affect AGGRASTAT.

4. How is AGGRASTAT given?

How much is given

- Your doctor will decide what dose to give and how long you will receive AGGRASTAT. This depends on your condition and other factors, such as your weight and kidney function.

How it is given

- AGGRASTAT is given as a slow injection into a vein
- AGGRASTAT must only be given by a doctor or nurse.

If you take too much AGGRASTAT (overdose)

As AGGRASTAT is given to you under the supervision of your doctor, it is very unlikely that you will receive too much.

However, if you experience any side effects after being given AGGRASTAT, tell your doctor immediately.

5. What should I know while being given AGGRASTAT?

Things you should do

Tell your doctor, nurse, or pharmacist as soon as possible if you do not feel well while you are being given AGGRASTAT.

Storage

- AGGRASTAT will be stored in the pharmacy or on the ward.
- It is kept in a cool, dry place where it is protected from light and where the temperature stays below 30°C.

6. Are there any side effects?

All medicines can have side effects. If you do experience any side effects, most of them are minor and temporary. However, some side effects may need medical attention.

See the information below and, if you need to, ask your doctor or pharmacist if you have any further questions about side effects.

Less serious side effects

Less serious side effects	What to do
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fever• Nausea• Headache	Speak to your doctor if you have any of these less serious side effects and they worry you.

Serious side effects

Serious side effects	What to do
<p>Unusual bleeding or bruising, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Bleeding gums• Nose bleeds• Blood in your urine• Bloody or black, tarry stools• Coughing up blood• Vomiting blood or material that looks like coffee grounds <p>Signs of an allergic reaction, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Rash• Pinkish, itchy swellings on the skin, also called hives or nettle rash• Swelling of the face, lips, mouth, or throat which may cause difficulty in swallowing or breathing• Chills, dizziness, or wheezing.	Tell your doctor or nurse immediately if you notice any of these serious side effects.

Other side effects not listed here may occur in some people.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice anything else that may be making you feel unwell.

Reporting side effects

After you have received medical advice for any side effects you experience, you can report side effects to the Therapeutic Goods Administration online at www.tga.gov.au/reporting-problems. By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

As this medicine is administered under medical supervision, it will likely be reported on your behalf.

7. Product details

This medicine is only available with a doctor's prescription.

What AGGRASTAT contains

Active ingredient (main ingredient)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tirofiban (as tirofiban hydrochloride)
Other ingredients (inactive ingredients)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Citric acid anhydrous• Sodium citrate dihydrate• Sodium chloride• Water for injections

Do not take this medicine if you are allergic to any of these ingredients.

What AGGRASTAT looks like

AGGRASTAT comes in a glass vial, containing 50 mL of solution.

(Aust R 65162).

Who distributes AGGRASTAT

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