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**Generic name:** [bivalirudin](#) [ bye-VAL-i-roo-din ]**Drug class:** [Thrombin inhibitors](#)[Medically reviewed](#) by Drugs.com on Mar 17, 2025. Written by [Cerner Multum](#).[Uses](#) [Side effects](#) [Warnings](#) [Before taking](#) [Dosage](#) [Interactions](#)

## What is Angiomax?

Angiomax is an anticoagulant ([thrombin](#) inhibitor) that helps prevent the formation of blood clots.

Angiomax is used to prevent blood clots in people with severe chest pain or other conditions who are undergoing a procedure called angioplasty (to open blocked arteries).

Angiomax may also be used for purposes not listed in this medication guide.

## Angiomax side effects

Get emergency medical help if you have **signs of an allergic reaction**: hives; difficult breathing; swelling of your face, lips, tongue, or throat.

Tell your caregivers right away if you have:

- a light-headed feeling, like you might pass out;
- easy bruising or bleeding (nosebleeds, bleeding gums, [heavy menstrual bleeding](#));
- bloody or tarry stools, coughing up blood or vomit that looks like coffee grounds;
- sudden numbness or weakness, problems with vision or speech;
- urine that looks red, pink, or brown;
- swelling or redness in an arm or leg; or
- bleeding from wounds or needle injections, any bleeding that will not stop.

Bleeding is the most common side effect of [bivalirudin](#).

This is not a complete list of side effects and others may occur. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

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## Warnings

You should not receive Angiomax if you have any major bleeding from a [surgery](#), injury, or other medical trauma.

**Tell your doctor if you are using blood thinners or receiving any other medications to treat or prevent blood clots.**

**Angiomax can make it easier for you to bleed, even from a minor injury.** Seek medical attention if you have unusual bruising, or bleeding that will not stop.

## Before taking this medicine

You should not be treated with Angiomax if you are allergic to Angiomax, or if you have any major bleeding from a surgery, injury, or other medical trauma.

Tell your doctor if you have ever had:

- [heart disease](#);
- kidney disease;
- a bleeding or blood clotting disorder, such as [hemophilia](#); or
- if you use a blood thinner ([warfarin](#), [Coumadin](#), [Jantoven](#)) and you have routine "INR" or prothrombin time tests.

Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or breastfeeding.

## How is Angiomax given?

Angiomax is given as an infusion into a vein. A healthcare provider will give you this injection during your angioplasty procedure.

Your doctor may want you to continue receiving Angiomax for a few hours after your angioplasty procedure.

**Angiomax can make it easier for you to bleed, even from a minor injury.** Seek medical attention if you have unusual bruising, or bleeding that will not stop.

 [Detailed Angiomax dosage information](#)

## What happens if I miss a dose?

Since Angiomax is used when needed, it does not have a daily dosing schedule.

## What happens if I overdose?

Since Angiomax is given by a healthcare professional in a medical setting, an overdose is unlikely to occur.

An overdose can cause excessive bleeding.

## What should I avoid after receiving Angiomax?

Avoid activities that may increase your risk of bleeding or injury. Use extra care to prevent bleeding while shaving or brushing your teeth.

## What other drugs will affect Angiomax?

Tell your doctor about all your other medicines, **especially other medicines to treat or prevent blood clots.**

Other drugs may affect Angiomax, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, [vitamins](#), and [herbal products](#). Tell your doctor about all your current medicines and any medicine you start or stop using.

 [Angiomax drug interactions](#) (more detail)

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## Further information

Remember, keep this and all other medicines out of the reach of children, never share your medicines with others, and use this medication only for the indication prescribed.

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#### Availability

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### CSA Schedule\*

N/A Not a controlled drug



### Approval History

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