

# **Thrombolytics MEDICATION GUIDE**

## **Common thrombolytics: Abbokinase, Activase, Alteplase, Cathflo, Urokinase, Win-kinase, Streptokinase, Drotrecogin alfa, Anistreplase, Tenecteplase.**

Read this Medication Guide before you start taking this drug and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This Medication Guide does not take the place of talking to your healthcare provider about your medical condition or treatment. You and your healthcare provider should talk about this drug when you start taking it and at regular checkups.

### **What is the most important information I should know about thrombolytics?**

- You should NOT take this drug if you have had a recent head injury, any bleeding problems including bleeding gums, are pregnant, have had surgery or any type of trauma, are taking Coumadin or any type of blood thinner, have uncontrolled high blood pressure, brain tumor, hemophilia, recent stroke, diabetes, kidney or heart problems or taking aspirin or any type of non-steroidal anti-inflammatory like ibuprofen (Advil, Motrin), naproxen (Aleve) or any others; if you are not sure, contact your healthcare provider.
- This drug will most likely be given intravenously at a hospital, doctor's office or clinic, because vital signs and general assessment of the patient should be done frequently. It can be given slowly over a 12 hour period.
- Many prescription drugs, over the counter drugs and herbs interact with thrombolytics; It is very important to tell your Dr all the drugs you are currently taking and don't start any new drugs without talking with your Dr first.

### **What is a thrombolytic?**

- Thrombolytics are drugs made from protein that occurs naturally in the kidneys that work by dissolving blood clots. They are used for heart attack, stroke and other medical conditions.

### **What are the side effects of this drug?**

- The most common side effect of this drug is some type of bleeding. 25% of people taking thrombolytics develop minor bleeding of the gums. If an allergic reaction occurs or if side effects that are more serious occur, call your healthcare provider as soon as possible.