

What you should know about reversal agents

Blood clotting is the body's natural way to stop bleeding. Atrial fibrillation, or AFib, is a common type of irregular heartbeat, and people with AFib may take blood thinners to reduce their risk of stroke. These blood thinners may also make it more difficult to stop bleeding. In addition to traditional treatment methods, medications called reversal agents are available for some blood thinner treatments for rare instances when the blood needs to clot normally again.

Here's what else you should know about reversal agents:



What are they? Reversal agents reverse the effects of blood thinners so that the blood can clot normally again.



When would I need one? In the rare event of an emergency surgery, there may be a need for your body to clot normally to stop a bleed.



Where could I find one? The reversal agent would be administered by a Healthcare Professional at the hospital in the event of an emergency.



What else do I need to know? Different blood thinners require different reversal agents. It is important to know the name of the blood thinner you are taking and that you inform your healthcare team in the event of an emergency.



It can be helpful to carry an **ID card** with the name of your blood thinner medication. You can download a customizable wallet card to write down the name of your treatment at <http://www.AFib4WARD.com/resources>.

Talk to your Healthcare Provider about which reversal agent is available for your blood thinner treatment.

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