

PHARMACY GUIDELINE – 15

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UNIVERSITY PHYSICIANS HEALTH PLANS

(Maricopa Health Plan)

PHARMACY REFERRAL GUIDELINE

PLAVIX® (Clopidogrel)

- TYPE:** Anti-platelet agent
- INDICATION:** (1) To prevent ischemic cardiovascular events in high risk patients.
- DOSE:** 75 mg po daily
- SIDE EFFECTS:** Rash, diarrhea, bruising, edema, G.I. hemorrhage. Caution in patients with history of ulcers, use of anticoagulants, ASA, NSAIDs.
- CRITERIA FOR USE:**
- (1) Following percutaneous coronary intervention for up to one year
 - (2) In patients who have failed aspirin (i.e., a cardiovascular event while on aspirin)
 - (3) In patients who are intolerant to aspirin

Prior authorization is required for therapy >30 days.

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