



## Appendix C: Prescription Medication Table for Stroke and Transient Ischemic Attack

Generic Name	Trade Name (dosage form and strength)	Adult Dose	Cost Per 30 Days <sup>a</sup>	PharmaCare Coverage <sup>b</sup>	Common and/or serious side effects	Therapeutic Considerations
<b>Antiplatelet Agents</b>						
ASA (acetylsalicylic acid)	Aspirin <sup>®</sup> , G (tablet: 80, 81, 325 mg; enteric-coated tablet: 80, 162, 325 mg; chewable tablet: 80, 81 mg)	80 – 325 mg PO once daily	< \$1 – 5 (G)	No Coverage: ≤ 81 mg Regular Coverage: 325 mg	Bleeding (usually minor), gastric upset and heartburn, gastric ulcers and erosions, and nausea	Bleeding risk increased with concomitant use of anticoagulants.
clopidogrel	Plavix <sup>®</sup> , G (tablet: 75, 300 mg)	75 mg PO once daily	\$21	Limited Coverage: 75 mg No Coverage: 300 mg	Bleeding (usually minor), skin rash, and diarrhea	Bleeding risk increased with concomitant use of anticoagulants.
ASA with dipyridamole	Aggrenox <sup>®</sup> (capsule: ASA 25 mg IR / dipyridamole 200 mg ER)	One capsule q 12 h	\$55	Limited Coverage	Bleeding (usually minor), headache, and diarrhea	Bleeding risk increased with concomitant use of anticoagulants.
ticlopidine	G (tablet: 250 mg)	250 mg BID	\$20	Limited Coverage	Bleeding (usually minor, diarrhea, skin rash, and neutropenia)	Should only be considered in patients intolerant of ASA and clopidogrel.  Bleeding risk increased with concomitant use of anticoagulants.  Contraindicated in severe hepatic impairment.  Absorption reduced by antacids.

**Abbreviations:** BID = twice daily; ER = extended-release; G = generic version(s) available; h = hour(s); IR = immediate-release; mg = milligram; PO = taken orally; qid = four times daily; q = every.

**Note:** Please review product monographs at [hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/prodpharma/databasdon/index-eng.php](http://hc-sc.gc.ca/dhp-mps/prodpharma/databasdon/index-eng.php) and regularly review current Health Canada advisories, warnings and recalls at [www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/media/advisories-avis/index\\_e.html](http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/ahc-asc/media/advisories-avis/index_e.html).

**Footnotes:**

- a Pricing is approximate as per PharmaNet 2014/08/20 and does not include dispensing fee
- b PharmaCare Coverage Definitions: **G:** generic(s) are available; **Regular Coverage:** also known as regular benefit; does not require Special Authority. Regular benefits may be fully or partially covered.\*; **Limited Coverage:** requires Special Authority for coverage. Limited Coverage benefits approved by Special Authority may be fully or partially covered.\*; **RDP:** Reference Drug Program. Drugs included in the RDP are comparable agents of the same therapeutic class. Patients receive full coverage of drugs designated as the Reference Drug(s) of the therapeutic class. Other drugs in the same RDP category are covered up to the price of the Reference Drug; **No coverage:** also known as non-benefit; does not fit the above categories.\* Note: Information on which products PharmaCare covers can be obtained using the B.C. PharmaCare Formulary Search ([www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/benefitslookup/](http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/benefitslookup/)). In all cases, coverage is subject to drug price limits set by PharmaCare and to the patient's PharmaCare plan rules and deductibles. See: [www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/plans/index.html](http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/plans/index.html) and [www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/policy.html](http://www.health.gov.bc.ca/pharmacare/policy.html) for further information.