

Skin reactions such as a rash, itching, or purpura may occur while taking ticlopidine. Purpura will manifest as small, purple discolorations of the skin.

Considerations

Withhold Before Surgery

[Held Back by Surgeon](#)

Ticlopidine (Ticlid) should be withheld before surgery, due to increased risk of bleeding. Keep in mind that the effects of the drug remain in the body for 7 to 10 days after the last dose, so ample time must be planned for the discontinuation of the drug prior to surgery.

Monitor Blood Count

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Patients taking ticlopidine (Ticlid) should have their complete blood count (CBC) monitored every two weeks for the first 3 months of drug therapy. If neutropenia, TTP, or agranulocytosis occurs, ticlopidine therapy should be stopped immediately.