

Patient information

Maviret® for the Treatment of Hepatitis C

Gastroenterology and Hepatology

This leaflet is designed to give you a general idea of the most important things you need to know about your new medicine. It is not intended to replace the patient information leaflet (PIL) that comes with the medicine, but is designed to be read in conjunction with it. If you have any questions about Maviret®, ask your doctor, nurse or pharmacist.

What is Maviret®?

Maviret® contains two different agents for the treatment of Hepatitis C;

- Glecaprevir (NS3/4A protease inhibitor).
- Pibrentasvir (NS5A inhibitor).

How should I take Maviret®?

- Maviret® is a combination tablet: Glecaprevir/Pibrentasvir:-100mg/40mg.
- Take three tablets once a day with food. Swallow whole and **do not crush or chew**

How much food do I need to take with Maviret®?

- There are no specific types or amounts of food that need to be taken with Maviret®. You can take it with a substantial snack and/or up to 30 minutes after a main meal.

What are the common side effects with Maviret®?

Maviret®, like all other medicines, has some side effects. Most of these are minor and will settle within a few days or weeks.

- Feeling sick (nausea).
- Diarrhoea.
- Headache.
- Tiredness.
- Vomiting.
 - If vomiting occurs within three hours of dosing, take another dose of Maviret®.
 - If vomiting occurs more than three hours after dosing, an additional dose of Maviret® is not needed.

If you experience any troubling side effects or new symptoms after you start Maviret®, tell your doctor, nurse or pharmacist who will tell you what to do.

What medicines should I avoid with Maviret®?

- It is always important to make your doctor and pharmacist aware of any medicines you take to ensure that they are compatible with Maviret®.

Some common drugs which may interact:

- Statins for cholesterol.
- St John's wort for depression.
- Anti-reflux medication such as omeprazole and lansoprazole (known as proton pump inhibitors) may reduce levels of Maviret®.
- Contraceptives (birth control). Maviret® can make contraceptives less effective.

Potential Side Effects

What shall I do if I have a headache or just need a pain killer?

- Paracetamol can be taken with Maviret®.
- Ibuprofen can also be taken unless your doctor has advised you to avoid NSAIDs (non-steroidal anti-inflammatory drugs) for any reason.

If I have hayfever or have other allergies?

- Most antihistamines can be taken with Maviret® e.g. chlorpheniramine, loratidine, cetirizine.
- If your allergy is related to Maviret® (such as a rash) or any other medicines, speak to your clinic doctor/nurse or pharmacist before taking any medicines.
- You should speak to your doctor or pharmacist before using any nasal sprays or getting any injections, to check for possible interactions with Maviret® and any other medicines you are taking.

If I have diarrhoea?

- For short-term diarrhoea relief, you can use 2mg loperamide.
- Remember to drink plenty of fluids.
- If you get a lot of diarrhoea and it lasts more than a few days, contact your family doctor (GP) or nurse to ask for advice.

If I have heartburn, reflux, indigestion or need medicines for stomach ulcers?

- Antacids may be taken with Maviret®.
- Medicines such as omeprazole, lansoprazole may reduce the concentrations of Maviret®. If you need to take one of these medications, please speak to your specialist doctor/nurse or pharmacist before you start taking it.

I am prescribed or take something for my mood, such as an antidepressant or St John's wort?

- Check with your clinic doctor/nurse or pharmacist before taking these.
- St John's wort can reduce the levels of Maviret® within your body, meaning they may be less effective at suppressing the virus.

I currently take, or would like to take, supplements, including calcium or iron?

- Most supplements can be taken with Maviret®, but always check with your clinic doctor/nurse or pharmacist before taking them.

What should I do if I or my partner becomes pregnant whilst on treatment?

- Contact the nurses as soon as possible who will advise you on the best course of action.

What if I miss my Maviret®?

Maviret® works best if there is a constant amount of the drugs in your body.

It is really important that you take them regularly. However, occasionally you may forget a dose. Don't worry if this happens, just follow the guidance below.

- If you are having problems remembering to take your medicines, speak with your doctor/nurse now and they may be able to help you.
- If you notice within 18 hours of the time you usually take Maviret® you must take the tablets as soon as possible.
- Always take the tablets with food. Then take the next dose as usual.
- If you notice 18 hours or more after the time you usually take Maviret® then **do not take the missed dose**. Wait and take the next dose with food at your usual time.
- **Never take a double dose to make up for the missing one.**

Further Information

If you have a question about Maviret® or any of your medicines, speak to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse.

Contact:

Hepatology Nurses

Tel: 0151 706 2805

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ID Specialist Nurses

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British Liver Trust

www.britishlivertrust.org.uk

Tel: 0800 652 7330

Liver4Life

www.liver4life.org.uk

Tel: 08000 743494

Hepatitis C Trust

www.hepctrust.org.uk

Tel: 0845 223 442

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