

Maraviroc (Celsentri®)

Tablets : 150 and 300 mg



How does this medication work?

The virus enters the CD4+ lymphocytes of our immune system by binding to a receptor (CCR5 or CXCR4) on the surface of these cells. Maraviroc acts by blocking the CCR5 receptor, so that the virus can not enter the cell. The type virus that uses this receptor is known as CCR5-tropic virus. Your doctor will do a test to see if you have a CCR5-tropic virus before starting the maraviroc.

Maraviroc is used in combination with other antiretroviral drugs to slow the progression of the disease and reduce the risk of opportunistic infections (AIDS-related infections).

Maraviroc does not cure AIDS nor kill the virus. There is a permanent risk of transmitting HIV either through sexual or blood contact. It is therefore essential that precautions always be taken (latex condoms, clean syringes, etc.).

Fertile women must use an effective means of birth control.

increased viral load and a lower number of CD4 cells, which are the ones that help your body fight infection.

Nearly everyone tends to relax their compliance with the treatment at some point. The key to success is motivation. Don't hesitate to consult members of your care team so that they can explain the benefits of the treatment you are having. They can also suggest ways that will help you maintain it properly.

Unless you are having serious side effects, never stop your treatment without first speaking to your doctor.

What if I forget to take a dose ?

If less than 6 hours before scheduled time:
Take the dose you missed as soon as possible and then continue with your regular schedule.

However, if it is more than 6 hours after scheduled time: do not take the missed dose and continue with your regular schedule. **Do not double up doses.**



How do I take this medication?

Maraviroc
___ tablet(s) of ___ mg
Twice a day with or without food
<input type="checkbox"/> other

Maraviroc must be taken with water. Take the whole tablet of maraviroc, do not chew or crush them

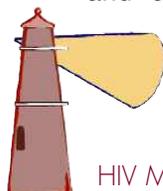
It is important to take your antiretroviral medicine properly - i.e. never forget a dose, follow the instructions on how to take the medicine, and always keep on with your treatment.

It is important to take maraviroc regularly, at the same time each day, and to keep to this schedule as closely as possible. Adherence to therapy will help prevent resistance (HIV's ability to recognize and defeat the effect of the medication) and avoid treatment failure (loss of efficacy of the antiretroviral treatment), which would result in an

Can I take Celsentri® with my other medications?

Maraviroc can interact with many drugs and the dosage of maraviroc will need to be adjusted.

Consult your doctor or pharmacist before taking any new prescription or non-prescription medication, natural product or recreational drug.



What are the side effects of this medication ?

<p>Normal reactions which will disappear or can be treated Continue the medication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Nausea, diarrhea, gas- Headaches	<p>Contact your physician Continue the medication</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Cough- Skin rash- Fatigue- Flu-like symptoms- Skin rash (redness of the skin)
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IMMEDIATELY see your physician



Hepatitis symptoms (liver inflammation)

- Pale or fatty stools, abdominal or stomach pains, loss of appetite/nausea
- Dark urine, jaundice (yellow skin and eyes)
- Fatigue, weakness
- Severe itchiness

If you are a carrier of hepatitis B or C, you are at higher risk of liver problems.

Maraviroc is generally well tolerated.

Keep your doctor or pharmacist informed of any side effect causing discomfort so they can help you deal with it.

Can I drink alcohol if I'm on Maraviroc?

Avoid excessive or regular consumption of alcohol (beer, wine or hard liquor), which can increase the risk of hepatitis (liver inflammation) or interact with some of your medications.



However, do not miss a dose of your medication because you want to have an alcoholic drink. Unless your doctor tells you otherwise, reasonable (social) consumption should not damage your health.

General advice

Always keep your appointments with your doctor and the care team so that your health can be closely monitored.

If you have any questions about your medications or need help to schedule when to take them, please contact your doctor or pharmacist, who is familiar with what you are taking.

Contact person : _____

Phone : _____

What if I'm pregnant or breast-feeding ?

The effect of maraviroc in pregnant women is not yet known. Talk to your doctor if you want to take maraviroc and are pregnant or want to become pregnant.



Since the virus can be transmitted through maternal milk, breast-feeding is not recommended in HIV-positive women.

Storage



Maraviroc tablets should be kept in a dark, dry place at room temperature (15-30°C or 59-86°F). Avoid storage in bathroom.

Keep this medication in a secure container and out of reach from children.