

Fosamprenavir (Telzir)



Tablet: 700 mg

Ritonavir (Norvir)



Tablet: 100 mg

How do these medications work?

Fosamprenavir and ritonavir are antiretroviral drugs that act by preventing multiplication of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV). Fosamprenavir and ritonavir are potent viral protease inhibitors. They inhibit viral replication by preventing the maturation of new copies of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

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

Fosamprenavir and ritonavir do 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.

How do I take this medication?

YOUR DOSAGE
Fosamprenavir
___ tablet(s) of 700 mg ___ times daily
Ritonavir
___ capsule of 100 mg ___ times daily

Fosamprenavir tablets and ritonavir must be taken at the same time, **with or without food**. Do not crush or chew. 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.

In this way, you will 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 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. 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.

Never stop your treatment without first speaking to your physician.

Can I take fosamprenavir and ritonavir with my other medications?

- **Sildenafil (Viagra®), tadalafil (Cialis®), vardenafil (Levitra®)**
Fosamprenavir and ritonavir can increase the risk of side effects associated with these drugs, so the dosages of these drugs should be reduced.
- **St. John's wort (millpertuis)**
St. John's wort can decrease the efficacy of fosamprenavir and possibly allow the virus to develop resistance. Do not take St. John's wort while you are taking fosamprenavir.
- **Oral contraceptives ("contraceptive pill")**
Fosamprenavir and ritonavir can decrease the efficacy of oral contraceptives. Additional protective measures, such as latex condoms, are recommended. Fosamprenavir and ritonavir may interact with a number of other drugs.

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 these medications?

NORMAL REACTIONS WHICH WILL DISAPPEAR OR CAN BE TREATED

CONTINUE THE MEDICATION



- Headache
- Fatigue
- Nausea, vomiting, abdominal pains, diarrhea, decreased appetite



CONTACT YOUR DOCTOR

CONTINUE THE MEDICATION

- **Rash** alone (redness of the skin)



SEE YOUR DOCTOR **IMMEDIATELY**

Rash **WITH**:

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| - Fever, mouth ulcers | - Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea |
| - Swelling, blisters | - Muscle and joint aches |
| - Eyes redness | - Severe fatigue, general illness |

Medical follow-up : Through regular blood tests your doctor will monitor the effects of this medication on your liver, your cholesterol, and your blood.

Inform your doctor and pharmacist of any troublesome side effects. They can help you to manage them.

What if I forget to take a dose?

Take the dose you missed as soon as possible and then continue with your regular schedule.



However, if it is nearly time for your next dose, do not take the missed dose and continue with your regular schedule. **Do not double up.**

Can I drink alcohol if I'm on fosamprenavir and ritonavir?

Avoid excessive or regular consumption of alcoholic beverages (beer, wine, spirits), as alcohol can interact with some of your medications or increase the risk of hepatitis (liver inflammation).



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.

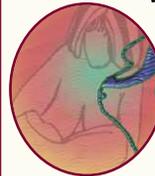
Before starting fosamprenavir, inform your physician if you are allergic to "sulfa".

Contact person : _____

Telephone : _____

What if I'm pregnant or breast-feeding?

We still do not know the effects of fosamprenavir and ritonavir in pregnant women.



Talk to your doctor if you want to take fosamprenavir and ritonavir 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



Keep fosamprenavir and ritonavir tablets in a dry place at room temperature between 15 to 25°C (59 to 80°F). Avoid humidity (bathrooms, etc.).

Keep these medications out of the sight and reach of children.