

Vosevi

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Aim of the leaflet

This leaflet aims to tell you about treatment for chronic hepatitis C.

Hepatitis C is a virus that infects your liver. We feel that you would benefit from treatment with Vosevi (which contains the prescription medicines Sofosbuvir, Velpatasvir and Voxilaprevir). Vosevi works by lowering the amount of hepatitis C virus in your body. The virus is thus removed from your body over a period of time.

When is Vosevi used?

Vosevi is used for adult patients with chronic hepatitis C, genotype 1,2,3,4,5 & 6 who have had prior treatment that didn't work. It can also be used in some cases with patients with genotype 3 who are new to treatment. You may receive up to 12 weeks of treatment with Vosevi.

How is Vosevi taken?

Vosevi comes as a tablet which is taken once a day, at the same time each day, with food. The type of food is not important. The tablet must be swallowed whole, not crushed, split or chewed.

If you are taking an antacid, take it at least 4 hours before or at least 4 hours after Vosevi.

If you are taking a proton pump inhibitor (PPI's), a group of medicines that work on the cells that line the stomach and include Esomeprazole, Lansoprazole, Omeprazole, Pantoprazole and Rabeprazole (*and have various brand names*). You should take Vosevi at the same time as your PPI, at a dose not more than Omeprazole 20 mg.

What should I do if I miss a dose?

If you miss a dose of Vosevi and it is within 18 hours of the usual time, take the tablet as soon as possible. Then take your next dose of Vosevi at the usual time.

If it is more than 18 hours before you realise you have missed a dose, do not take the missed dose but wait to take your next dose at the usual time.

It is important not to double up on a dose of Vosevi or that you miss or skip doses of Vosevi during treatment.

Can I take Vosevi with other medicines?

It is important that you tell us about all the medicines you take, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, herbal preparations and recreational drugs. Vosevi should not be taken with the following medicines:

rifampicin, rifapentine or rifabutin (antibiotics used to treat infections, including tuberculosis), dabigatran etexilate (used to thin the blood), carbamazepine, oxcarbazepine, phenytoin, phenobarbital (medicines used to treat epilepsy and prevent seizures), rosuvastatin (a medicine used to treat high cholesterol) St. John's wort (a herbal medicine used to treat depression), ciclosporin (an immunosuppressant medicine), oral contraceptives containing ethinylestradiol and modafanil (a stimulant used to treat sleeping disorder such as narcolepsy).

Also, tell your doctor or nurse if you are taking any of the following medicines:

- tenofovir disoproxil fumarate; efavirenz/emtricitabine/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate (used to treat HIV infection)
- atazanavir or medicines containing atazanavir; lopinavir (used to treat HIV infection)
- statins (used to treat high cholesterol)
- amiodarone (used to treat irregular heart beats)
- warfarin or other anti-clotting agents (e.g. edoxaban or Vitamin K antagonists used to prevent blood clots from forming)

Taking Vosevi with any of these may stop your medicines from working properly or make any side effects worse.

What are the possible side effects of Vosevi?

Vosevi may cause serious side effects, including :

- Slow heart rate (bradycardia). Vosevi treatment may result in slowing of the heart rate along with other symptoms when taken with Amiodarone, a medicine used to treat certain heart problems. This can be life-threatening. Get medical help straight away if you take Amiodarone with Vosevi and get any of the following symptoms:
 - Fainting or near-fainting
 - Dizziness or light headedness
 - Not feeling well
 - Weakness
 - Extreme tiredness
 - Shortness of breath
 - Chest pains
 - Confusion
 - Memory problems

Tell your nurse or doctor if you are taking Amiodarone, or if you have discontinued Amiodarone in the past few months.

The most common side effects of Vosevi from research trials include:

- Headache
- Diarrhoea
- Nausea
- Abdominal pain
- Decreased appetite
- Vomiting
- Muscular aches

How to store Vosevi

Store Vosevi at normal room temperature. Keep Vosevi in its original package to protect it from moisture. You should store medication out of reach of children and animals. Vosevi should not be used after the expiry date on the container.

Pregnancy and breastfeeding

Before taking Vosevi, tell your hospital treatment doctor or nurse if you are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if Vosevi will harm your unborn baby. If you are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed, it is not known whether Vosevi passes into breastmilk.

Contact details

If you have any worries or need any more information, please do not hesitate to discuss these concerns with your hospital treatment doctor or nurse.

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References

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