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Maviret

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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 Maviret (which contains the prescription medicines glecaprevir and pibrentasvir). Maviret stops the hepatitis C virus from multiplying and infecting new cells.

When is Maviret used?

Maviret is used for adult patients with the six major types of chronic hepatitis C who have not been treated before or who have had prior treatment that didn't work. It can also be used with patients who are new to treatment.

You may receive up to 16 weeks of treatment with Maviret. It is vital you complete your full course of treatment as directed by your healthcare professional to give your medicine the best chance of working.

How is Maviret taken?

Maviret comes as three tablets and is taken by mouth as one single dose, once daily, at the same time each day with food. The type of food is not important. Sticking to a regular time helps to regulate the amount of active ingredients in your body across a 24-hour period. The tablet must be swallowed whole, not crushed, split or chewed.

What should I do if I miss a dose?

If you miss a dose of Maviret and it is within 18 hours of the usual time, take the tablet as soon as possible. Then take your next dose of Maviret 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 Maviret
- Miss or skip doses of Maviret during treatment.

Can I take Maviret with other medicines?

It is important that you tell us about all the medicines you take. This includes prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, herbal preparations and recreational drugs. Maviret should not be used together with certain medicines such as:

- atorvastatin, simvastatin (medicines for lowering cholesterol levels in the blood)
- dabigatran etexilate (medicine for preventing blood clots)
- ethinyl estradiol-containing products (such as contraceptive medicines)
- rifampicin (antibiotic usually used to treat tuberculosis)
- carbamazepine, phenobarbital, phenytoin, primidone (medicines for epilepsy)
- St John's wort (a herbal remedy used for depression and anxiety).

What are the possible side effects of Maviret?

The most common side effects with Maviret (which may affect more than 1 in 10 people) are headaches and tiredness. However, some people don't experience any side effects. If you are one of these people then don't worry, it doesn't mean that your treatment isn't working.

How to store Maviret

Keep Maviret and all medicines out of the reach of children.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date which is stated on the carton and blister pack after 'EXP'. Maviret does not require any special storage.

Will Maviret affect my ability to drive?

Maviret should not affect your ability to drive or use any tools or machines.

Pregnancy and breastfeeding

Before taking Maviret, tell your hospital treatment doctor or nurse if you are pregnant, think you may be pregnant or are planning to have a baby, as it is not known if Maviret will harm your unborn baby. It is not known whether Maviret passes into breast milk. A risk to a breastfed baby cannot be ruled out. Your doctor will discuss this decision with you.

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.

Dr Sreedharan, Consultant Gastroenterologist, 01522 573416
Karen Murray, Hepatitis C Nurse Specialist, 01522 512 512 extension 582556
Out of Hours 07824 896160 (message will be picked up the next working day)
or email karen.murray@ulh.nhs.uk

Further support and information

The Hepatitis C Trust

Confidential helpline: 0845 223 4424

Web: www.hepctrust.org.uk

British Liver Trust

Information line: 0800 652 7330

Web: www.britishlivertrust.org.uk

General enquiries: 01425 481 320

National Institute for Health and Care Excellence (NICE) Web: www.nice.org.uk

If you were infected with Hepatitis C due to treatment within the NHS prior to 1991 then contact:

The Skipton Fund, PO Box 50107, London, SW1H 0YF

Web: www.skiptonfund.org.uk

References

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