

## FOSAMPRENAVIR/RITONAVIR (Telzir) (Norvir Sec)

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### How does this medication work?

Fosamprenavir and ritonavir are antiretroviral drugs that act by preventing multiplication of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

Fosamprenavir and ritonavir are used in combination with other antiretroviral drugs to slow progression of the disease. They help to keep your immune system strong and reduce the risk of developing infections that occur when the immune system is weak (opportunistic infections).

Fosamprenavir and ritonavir do not cure AIDS or 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.).



### How do I take this medication?

#### FOSAMPRENAVIR

\_\_\_ 700 mg tablet(s) \_\_\_ times a day

#### RITONAVIR

\_\_\_ 100 mg capsule(s) \_\_\_ times a day

- **Swallow whole with or without food.** Do not crush or chew.

It is important not to forget to take doses of your antiretroviral medication, otherwise, the virus may become **resistant**. The medication will lose its effect on the virus and the treatment will no longer be effective.



Unless you have serious **side effects** (see section on side effects), *never stop your treatment without first speaking to your doctor.*

### 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 doses.**






### Can I take fosamprenavir and ritonavir with my other medications?

Fosamprenavir and ritonavir may interact with other medications or street 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 this drug?

	Normal reactions which will disappear or can be treated <b>Continue the medication</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Headache</li> <li>- Fatigue</li> <li>- Nausea, vomiting, abdominal pains, diarrhea, decreased appetite</li> </ul>
	Contact your doctor <b>Continue the medication</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- <u>Rash only</u></li> </ul>
	See your doctor <b>IMMEDIATELY</b>	<b>Rash WITH:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Fever, mouth ulcers</li> <li>- Swelling, blisters</li> <li>- Redness of the eyes</li> <li>- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea</li> <li>- Muscle and joint aches</li> <li>- Severe fatigue, general illness</li> </ul>

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

### Medical follow-up

Your doctor will monitor the effect of fosamprenavir/ritonavir on your liver, your cholesterol, and your blood sugars by taking regular blood tests.

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

Avoid regular consumption of alcohol which may damage your liver, especially if you are a hepatitis carrier. Reasonable consumption should not damage your health.

However, do not miss a dose of your medication because you take alcohol or drugs.



### What if I'm pregnant or breast-feeding?

The effect of fosamprenavir and ritonavir in pregnant women is not yet known. If you are pregnant and you want to take these drugs, discuss it with your doctor. Breast-feeding is not recommended in HIV-positive women.



### Storage

Avoid bathrooms.

Keep fosamprenavir tablets in a dry place at room temperature.

Ritonavir must be kept refrigerated, or at room temperature for no more than 30 days.

Keep out of the sight and reach of children.



### General advice

Always keep your appointments with your doctor and the care team, so that your health can be closely monitored, even if you have no symptoms.

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

