How does this medication work?

Amprenavir is an antiretroviral medication that acts by preventing multiplication of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

Amprenavir is used in combination with other antiretroviral drugs to slow progression of the disease. It helps to keep your immune system strong and reduces the risk of developing infections that occur when the immune system is weak (opportunistic infections).

Amprenavir does 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 (use latex condoms, do not share syringes).

How to take this medication?

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<td>_____ capsule(s) of 150 mg or _____ mL (15 mg/mL solution)</td>
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Swallow the whole capsule with water. Do not break, chew, or crush it.

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 taking 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 amprenavir with other medications?

Amprenavir may interact with a number of drugs. Avoid taking amprenavir solution with all other preparations containing alcohol (e.g., ritonavir syrup).

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

Do not take vitamin E supplements or products containing vitamin E while you are taking amprenavir.

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What are the side effects of this medication?

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See your doctor IMMEDIATELY Rash WITH:

- Fever, mouth ulcers
- Swelling, blisters
- Bloodshot eyes
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- Muscle and joint pains
- Severe fatigue, general malaise

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

Can I drink alcohol or take drugs if I’m on amprenavir?

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

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

With the liquid form of amprenavir, it is necessary to abstain from alcohol completely.

What if I’m pregnant or breast-feeding?

The effects of amprenavir in pregnant women are still unknown. Talk to your doctor if you want to take amprenavir and are pregnant or want to become pregnant. The solution of amprenavir is contra-indicated. Breast-feeding is not recommended in HIV-positive women.

Storage

Avoid storage in bathrooms.

Keep amprenavir in a dry place at room temperature.

Keep out of the sight and reach of children.

General advice

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

If you are allergic to sulfonamides, mention this to your doctor.

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