**Rilpivirine (Edurant®)**

**Tablet: 25 mg**

### How do this medication work?

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

Rilpivirine does 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.

### What if I forget to take a dose?

If forgotten less than 12 hours after scheduled time:
Take the dose you missed as soon as possible with food and then continue with your regular schedule.

If forgotten more than 12 hours after scheduled time:
Do not take the missed dose and just take the following dose with food at the usual time.

Do not double up doses.

### Can I take Rilpivirine with my other medications?

- **Antacids such as Maalox® and Diovol®**
  Take Rilpivirine 4 hours before or 2 hour after antacids.

- **Antacids such as ranitidine (Zantac)® or famotidine (Pepcid®)**
  Take Rilpivirine 4 hours before or 12 hour after antacids.

- **Antacids such as omeprazole (Losec), pantoprazole (pantoloc)**
  They are contra-indicated with rilpivirine.

- **St. John's wort**
  St. John's wort can decrease the efficacy of Rilpivirine and possibly allow the virus to develop resistance. Do not take St. John's wort while you are taking Rilpivirine.

Rilpivirine may interact with other medications. 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?

Rilpivirine is generally well tolerated but some side effects have been observed:

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<td>- Headache, difficulty sleeping, abnormal dreams, fatigue</td>
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See your doctor **IMMEDIATELY**

**Rash** with:
- Fever, ulcers in the mouth
- Swelling, blistering (bubbles on the skin)
- Eye redness
- Nausea, vomiting, diarrhea
- Muscle and joint pain
- Severe fatigue, general illness

Keep your doctor or pharmacist informed of any side effect causing discomfort so they can help you deal with it.

Can I drink alcohol with Rilpivirine?

Avoid excessive or regular consumption of alcohol (beer, wine or hard liquor); 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.

What if I’m pregnant or breast-feeding?

The effect of Rilpivirine in pregnant women is not yet known.

Talk to your doctor if you want to take this medication 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.

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.

Contact person: ______________________
Telephone: ____________________________

Storage

Keep Rilpivirine in a dry place at room temperature (15-30°C or 59-86°F).

Avoid storage in bathroom. Keep out of sight and reach of children.