



How do this medication work?

Maraviroc is an antiretroviral drug that act by preventing the entry of the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) in our immune system cells. It acts by blocking the CCR5 receptor on the CD4+ lymphocytes of our immune system.

Maraviroc 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 (AIDS-related infections).

Maraviroc 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 (use latex condoms, do not share syringes).



What if I forget taking a dose?

If less than 6 hours before scheduled time:
Take the dose you missed as soon as possible and then continue with your regular schedule.

However, if it is more than 6 hours after scheduled time:
do not take the missed dose and continue with your regular schedule. **Do not double up doses.**



Be careful mixing medication!

Maraviroc can interacts with several medications and may need to be adjusted.

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



Can I drink alcohol or take drugs if I'm on Maraviroc?

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.



What if I'm pregnant or breast-feeding?

The effect of maraviroc is not yet known. Talk to your doctor if you plan to become pregnant.

Breast-feeding is not recommended in HIV-positive women.



How do I take this medication ?

Maraviroc

_____ tablet(s) of _____ mg
2 times a day
<input type="checkbox"/> Other

Maraviroc must be taken with water.

Swallow whole but 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, never stop your treatment without first speaking to your doctor.

What are the side effects of this medication?

	Normal reactions which will disappear or can be treated. Continue the medication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Nausea, diarrhea, flatulence (gas), - Headaches
	Contact your doctor Continue the medication	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cough - Skin rash - Fatigue - Flu-like symptoms - Skin rash (redness of the skin)
	See your doctor IMMEDIATELY	Hepatitis (liver inflammation): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pale or fatty stools, abdominal or stomach pains, loss of appetite/nausea - Fatigue/weakness - Dark urine, jaundice (yellow skin and eyes) - Severe itchiness

Maraviroc is generally well tolerated.

Keep your doctor informed of any side effects causing discomfort so they can help you to deal with them.

Storage

Avoid storage in bathrooms.

Keep maraviroc capsules in a dark, 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.

