



How this medication works ?

Ibvyr™ is an antiviral agent, used in combination with other drugs, indicated for the treatment of hepatitis C virus infection (HCV).

Ibvyr™ is a nucleoside analogue that blocks several stages of the virus replication process. This prevents the virus from multiplying in order to promote healing.

How to take this medication ?

This medication must be taken each day **in two doses with food**, at breakfast and at supper.

It may be prescribed in varying doses. Your healthcare professional will determine the appropriate dose and duration of treatment depending on :

- Type of virus
- Your weight
- Your liver condition
- Response to previous treatment
- Your hemoglobin level
- State of your heart

Ibvyr™ is always combined with other anti-HCV drugs (Sovaldi™, Harvoni™) and should not be used alone.

It is important to take Ibvyr™ and other related medicines exactly as prescribed by your doctor, on a regular basis and at the same time each day for the duration of the treatment. If you miss doses, it may compromise the success of the treatment and decrease your chances of recovery. Furthermore, the virus responsible for your hepatitis could become resistant and make the medicines less effective or even useless.

Can I take Ibvyr™ with my other medicines ?

Ibvyr™ has little interaction with other drugs. However, tell your healthcare professional especially if you take the following :

- Didanosine (Videx)
- Lamivudine (Kivexa, Triumeq, Combivir, Trizivir, Delstrigo, Dovato)
- Azathioprine (Imuran), mercaptopurine (Purine-thol)

Be careful because Ibvyr™ is never prescribed alone and is always combined with other drugs. Refer to the information you have been given regarding the drug interactions of your other treatments.

Consult your doctor or pharmacist before taking a new prescription medication, over the counter medication, natural product, or even a recreational drug.

Can I drink alcohol with Ibvyr™ ?

Ideally, abstinence from alcohol (beer, wine and spirits) is highly recommended for people infected with HCV to protect the liver.

What are the side effects of this medication ?

This medicine can cause some side effects. In most cases, they will not stop you from continuing your treatment, but your doctor may decide to lower the dose of Ibvyr™. Your doctor may also choose to stop treatment with Ibvyr™. In this case, treatment can be resumed later if necessary, when your doctor deems it possible, but at a lower dose.

Depending on the other medications you take with Ibavyr™, the most common side effects are:

- Fatigue
- Anemia (decrease in hemoglobin)
- Insomnia
- Headache
- Nausea

Tell your doctor and pharmacist about any side effect that bothers you or persists. They can advise you to manage them.

Never stop your treatment without first talking to your doctor or pharmacist.

Pregnancy

Ibavyr™ is contraindicated in pregnant women as well as in men whose partners are pregnant, as there are significant risks of birth defects and death of the fetus. You will need to have a pregnancy test before starting treatment with Ibavyr™.

Make sure that you and your partner use effective contraception for the duration of treatment and up to 6 months after treatment with Ibavyr™ has ended.

Discuss this with your doctor.

Breast feeding

Ribavirin is likely to pass into breast milk. As a precaution, it is recommended that you do not breastfeed while you are being treated with Ibavyr™ as well as in the months following the end of treatment. If you are still breast-feeding your child when you start treatment with Ibavyr™, ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice.

Storage

Store Ibavyr™ tablets at a temperature between 15 and 30°C (59 et 86°F). Avoid damp places such as the bathroom.

Keep this medication in its original container. Keep out of reach and out of sight of children.

General advice

Be faithful to your appointments with the doctor and the treatment team; they will be able to closely monitor your state of health.

If you have any questions about your medication or need help to schedule when to take them, don't hesitate to ask your doctor or pharmacist who is familiar with what you are taking.

Contact person : _____

Telephone : _____

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I forgot to take a dose !

Take the missed dose as soon as possible with food and then continue with your regular schedule.



Do not take the missed dose and take only the next dose with food at the usual time.

Do not double up dose