

Maraviroc (Celsentri®)



300 mg - blue, oval tablet

150 mg - blue, oval tablet

What is maraviroc?

Maraviroc is a medicine used to lower the amount of HIV virus in your body and make your immune system stronger. Maraviroc is always used with other HIV medicines.

How do I take it?

- Take as directed on the prescription label.
- Your dose is based on what other medicines you take.
- Take maraviroc at the same time(s) every day with or without food.
- Swallow tablets whole (do NOT crush or chew)

Store in a dry place at room temperature and keep out of reach of children

What if I forget to take it?

It is very important to take maraviroc every day to make sure it keeps working. If you miss a dose, there is a higher chance the virus will change to a form that is harder to treat. This is called "resistance".

If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for your next dose, do not take 2 doses at the same time. If you are not sure if you should take your dose, call the pharmacist.

If you stop taking HIV medicine, the amount of HIV virus will increase in your blood.

Do not stop any of your HIV medicines without talking to your doctor.

What should I expect?

Maraviroc is usually well tolerated. Side effects may include:

- stomach upset
- constipation
- muscle pain
- trouble sleeping

Maraviroc may cause your blood pressure to lower when you stand up. You may feel dizzy or faint. Use caution if you are driving or operating machinery.

Rare, serious side effects include

- Allergic reaction: Signs include rash, blisters on skin or mouth, swelling of the face or throat, difficulty breathing, fever, flu-like symptoms
- Liver problems: Signs include yellow skin or eyes, dark urine, pale stools, general 'sick' feeling or pain on right side below ribs
- Increased risk of infection: signs are cough and fever

Heart problems: Signs include chest pain or pressure

Always tell your doctor or pharmacist if side effects are bothering you.

IMMEDIATELY contact your doctor if you have any serious side effects



It is important to have regular blood tests to watch for side effects and make sure your HIV medicine is working to control the virus.

Talk to your doctor if you are pregnant or are thinking about becoming pregnant, or if you plan to breastfeed.

Can I take maraviroc with other medicines?

Some medicines may interact with maraviroc. Drug interactions can stop your treatment from working or may cause unwanted side effects.

Always tell your pharmacist and doctor if you are using any prescription or non-prescription medicines, vitamins, supplements, natural medicines or recreational drugs.

Medicines that may interact with maraviroc include:

- some medicines to treat seizures
- some antifungal medicines
- some antibiotics such as rifampin and clarithromycin
- St. John's wort

This is not a complete list of medicines that interact with maraviroc.

Always check with your pharmacist before starting a new medicine to make sure it is safe.

What if I have questions?

If you have questions or problems with your medicine, call St. Paul's Hospital Ambulatory Pharmacy:

1-888-511-6222

(Monday to Friday daytime and urgent issues after hours)

To book an appointment to see a St. Paul's Hospital pharmacist:

604-806-8060

(Monday to Friday daytime)

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