

Treating hepatitis C with ZEPATIER (elbasvir/grazoprevir)[®]

Speak to your doctor, nurse or medical team if you have any questions about ZEPATIER that are not answered in this booklet.

This is not a substitute for the patient information leaflet that comes with your Zepatier tablets.

What is ZEPATIER?

ZEPATIER is a combination of two different medicines (elbasvir and grazoprevir) in one pill. These medicines work together to treat your hepatitis C (genotype 1a, 1b or 4) infection.

To give yourself the best chance of clearing your hepatitis C infection, take ZEPATIER exactly as your doctor or nurse tells you. Do not stop taking it without first talking to them.

Your daily dose

Take one pill
a day



At the same time
every day



With or
without food



And only open
when ready



! What to do if you miss a dose



If it has been less than 16 hours since you missed your pill, simply take it as soon as possible. Then take your next pill at your usual time.



If it has been more than 16 hours since you missed your pill, don't take the missed pill. Wait and take the next pill at your usual time.

If vomiting occurs within 4 hours of dosing, an additional pill can be taken up to 8 hours before the next dose. If vomiting occurs more than 4 hours after dosing, no further dose is needed.

Which common side effects can you expect while taking ZEPATIER?

Like all medicines, this medicine can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. The following side effects may happen with Zepatier:

Central Nervous System

- Headache
- Depression
- Dizziness
- Anxiety
- Difficulty sleeping
- Irritability
- Insomnia
- Tiredness

Stomach and Bowels

- Diarrhoea
- Abdominal pain
- Vomiting
- Constipation
- Decreased appetite
- Nausea

General

- Weakness
- Joint and muscle pain
- Fatigue (feeling tired)
- Itching
- Dry mouth
- Hair loss

These are not all the possible side effects you may feel when taking ZEPATIER, a full list can be found in the patient information leaflet.

Reporting of side effects

If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in the package leaflet. You can also report side effects directly via the Yellow Card Scheme at www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard. By reporting side effects you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

! Important

Keep ZEPATIER in its original packaging (blister pack) until you are ready to take it. Do not take the pills out of the blister pack to store in another container such as a pill box. This is important because the pills are sensitive to moisture. The packaging is designed to protect them.

! What to do if you take too many tablets

If you think you have taken too much ZEPATIER, contact your doctor, pharmacist or nurse immediately, even if there are no symptoms.

What do you need to know before you take ZEPATIER?

Warnings and precautions

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking ZEPATIER if you:

- have a current or previous infection with the hepatitis B virus, since your doctor may want to monitor you more closely
- have ever taken any medicine for hepatitis C
- have any liver problems other than hepatitis C
- have had a liver transplant
- have diabetes. You may need closer monitoring of your blood glucose levels and/or adjustment of your diabetes medication after starting ZEPATIER. Some diabetic patients have experienced low sugar levels in the blood (hypoglycaemia) after starting treatment with medicines like ZEPATIER
- have any other medical conditions.

Do not take ZEPATIER if:

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking ZEPATIER if you:

- you are allergic to elbasvir, grazoprevir or any of the other ingredients of this medicine (see the patient information leaflet for a full list of ingredients)
- you have certain moderate or severe liver problems
- you are taking any of the following medicines:
 - rifampicin, usually given for tuberculosis
 - HIV protease inhibitors such as atazanavir, darunavir, lopinavir, saquinavir, or tipranavir
 - efavirenz or etravirine for HIV
 - elvitegravir/cobicistat/emtricitabine/tenofovir disoproxil fumarate or elvitegravir/cobicistat/emtricitabine/tenofovir alafenamide for HIV
 - ciclosporin to stop organ transplant rejection or to treat serious inflammatory illnesses of eyes, kidney, joints or skin
 - bosentan for pulmonary arterial hypertension or carbamazepine or phenytoin, mainly used for epilepsy and seizures
 - modafinil to help people who cannot stay awake
 - St. John's wort (*Hypericum perforatum*, a herbal medicine) for depression or other problems.

If you are taking ZEPATIER with ribavirin, please make sure that you read the 'Do not take' section of the ribavirin package leaflet. If you are unsure of any information in the package leaflet, please contact your doctor or pharmacist.

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