



What is in this leaflet

This leaflet answers some common questions about PREZISTA tablets. It does not contain all the available information. It does not take the place of talking to your doctor or pharmacist.

All medicines have risks and benefits. Your doctor has weighed the risks of you being given PREZISTA against the benefits this medicine is expected to have for you.

If you have any concerns about being given PREZISTA ask your doctor.

Keep this leaflet while you are taking PREZISTA. You may need to read it again.

What PREZISTA is used for

PREZISTA is an antiretroviral medicine. It belongs to a group of medicines called protease inhibitors. PREZISTA works by reducing the amount of Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) in your body. Reducing the amount of HIV in your blood improves your immune system, and reduces the risk of developing illnesses as a result of HIV infection.

PREZISTA is used to treat adults who are infected by HIV and who have taken other antiretroviral medicines before.

PREZISTA must be taken in combination with a low dose of ritonavir (NORVIR[™]), and with other anti-HIV medicines. Your doctor will discuss with you which combination of medicines will work best with PREZISTA.

Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why PREZISTA has been prescribed for you.

This medicine is available only with a doctor's prescription.

Before you take PREZISTA

When you must not use it:

Do not take PREZISTA:

- if you are allergic (hypersensitive) to darunavir, other ingredients of PREZISTA or to ritonavir.

Symptoms of an allergic reaction may include rash, itching or hives on the skin, shortness of breath, wheezing or difficulty breathing, swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body.

Do not take PREZISTA:

- if the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering.
- if the expiry date (month and year) printed on the pack has passed. If you take PREZISTA after the expiry date it may not work.

Do not combine PREZISTA with any of the following medicines:

- amiodarone (Cordarone[™]), bepridil, flecainide, lidocaine, lignocaine or quinidine (Kinidin Durules[™]) (to treat irregular heartbeats)
- midazolam (Hypnovel[™]) or triazolam (Halcion[™]) (to treat trouble with sleeping and/or anxiety)
- ergot alkaloids (Cafergot[™]) (to treat migraine and headaches)
- astemizole or terfenadine (to treat allergy symptoms)
- cisapride (to treat some stomach conditions)
- pimozide (to treat psychiatric conditions)

If you are taking any of these, ask your doctor about switching to another medicine.

There are other medicines that you need to be careful of when taking PREZISTA (see Taking other medicines).

Before you start to use it:

Take special care with PREZISTA:

PREZISTA is not a cure for HIV infection.

PREZISTA does not reduce the risk of passing HIV to others through sexual contact or blood. Therefore, you must continue to use appropriate precautions to prevent passing HIV on to others.

People taking PREZISTA can still develop infections or other illnesses associated with HIV. You should continue to keep in regular contact with your doctor and to monitor your health while taking PREZISTA.

Tell your doctor if you have or have had any medical conditions, especially the following:

- **Problems with your liver.** Your doctor may need to evaluate your liver before deciding if you can take PREZISTA.
- **Diabetes.** PREZISTA, like some other anti-HIV medicines, might increase sugar levels in the blood.
- **Symptoms of infection.** In some patients with advanced HIV infection and a history of opportunistic infection, signs and symptoms of inflammation from previous infections may occur soon after anti-HIV treatment is started. It is believed that these symptoms are due to an improvement in the body's immune response. This improvement enables the body to fight infections that may have been present prior to taking PREZISTA, with no obvious symptoms.
- **Changes in body fat.** Redistribution, accumulation or loss of body fat may occur in patients receiving a combination of antiretroviral medicines.
- **Haemophilia.** Anti-HIV medicines, such as PREZISTA, might increase the risk of bleeding in patients with this blood clotting disorder.
- **An allergy to sulfa medicines (sulphonamides).**

Tell your doctor immediately if you are pregnant or breast-feeding, or intend to become pregnant or breast-feed.

During pregnancy and breast-feeding you must not take PREZISTA, unless it is specifically approved by your doctor.

If you have not told your doctor about any of the above, tell them before you start treatment with PREZISTA.

Taking other medicines:

Tell your doctor if you are taking any other medicines, including medicines you can buy without a prescription from a pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

- **Tell your doctor if you are taking any of the following: amiodarone (Cordarone™), bepridil, flecainide, lidocaine, lignocaine, quinidine (Kinidin Durules™), midazolam (Hypnovel™), triazolam (Halcion™), ergot alkaloids (Cafergot™), astemizole, terfenadine, cisapride or pimozide. You must not take these medicines while taking PREZISTA.**
- Tell your doctor if you take other anti-HIV medicines. PREZISTA can be combined with some other anti-HIV medicines while other combinations are not recommended.
- **The effects of PREZISTA might be reduced if you take any of the following products. Tell your doctor if you take:**
 - medicines to treat some infections such as tuberculosis (rifampicin, Rifadin™)
 - products that contain St John's wort (hypericum perforatum)
 - medicines to prevent seizures (phenobarbital, phenytoin, Dilantin™, carbamazepine, Tegretol™)
 - steroids (dexamethasone).

The effects of other medicines might be influenced if you take PREZISTA. Tell your doctor if you take:

- medicines for heart disease (felodipine, Plendil™, nifedipine, Adalat™, nicardipine).
- medicines used to reduce clotting of the blood (warfarin, Marevan™, Coumadin™).
- hormonal contraceptives. PREZISTA might reduce the effectiveness of hormonal contraceptives. You must combine hormonal contraceptives with other birth control methods such as a condom.
- medicines to lower cholesterol levels (simvastatin, Lipex™, Zocor™, lovastatin,

pravastatin, Pravachol™). The risk of muscle tissue disorder might be increased. Atorvastatin (Lipitor™), at a reduced starting dose, could be used as an alternative.

- medicines for your immune system (cyclosporin, Neoral™, tacrolimus, Prograf™, sirolimus, Rapamune™). Your doctor might want to do some additional tests.
- medicines to control asthma (fluticasone propionate, Flixotide™, Seretide™).

The dosage of other medicines might need to be changed. Tell your doctor if you take:

- medicines against fungal infections (ketoconazole, Nizoral™, itraconazole, Sporanox™, voriconazole, Vfend™)
- medicines against bacterial infections (rifabutin, Mycobutin™)
- medicines for erectile dysfunction (sildenafil, Viagra™, vardenafil, Levitra™, tadalafil, Cialis™)
- antibiotics (clarithromycin, Klacid™)
- medicines to treat depression and anxiety (paroxetine, Aropax™, sertraline, Zoloft™)
- methadone (Physeptone™)

Taking PREZISTA

How much PREZISTA to take:

Always use PREZISTA exactly as your doctor has told you. You must check with your doctor if you are not sure.

The usual dose of PREZISTA is two tablets twice daily. That is two tablets (2 x 300 milligrams) in the morning and two tablets (2 x 300 milligrams) in the evening.

How to take PREZISTA:

You must take PREZISTA every day and always in combination with 100 milligrams of ritonavir (Norvir™) and with food. PREZISTA cannot work properly without ritonavir (Norvir™) and food. You must eat a meal or a snack within 30 minutes prior to taking your PREZISTA and ritonavir (Norvir™). The type of food is not important.

Even if you feel better, do not stop taking PREZISTA without talking to your doctor.

Instructions:

- Take two 300 milligram tablets in the morning and two 300 milligram tablets in the evening.
- Take PREZISTA always together with 100 milligrams of ritonavir (Norvir™).
- Take PREZISTA with food.
- Swallow the tablets with a drink such as water, milk, or any other nutritional drink.

Make sure that you always have enough PREZISTA and ritonavir (Norvir™) available so that you don't run out. For example in case you cannot return home, need to travel or stay in a hospital.

Removing the child resistant cap



The plastic bottle comes with a child resistant cap and should be opened as follows:

- Push the plastic screw cap down while turning it counter clockwise.
- Remove the unscrewed cap.

What do I do if I forget to take PREZISTA?

If you notice within 6 hours, you must take the tablets immediately. Always take with ritonavir and food. If you notice after 6 hours, then skip the dose and take the next doses as usual. Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose.

What do I do if I take too much? (overdose):

If you think you or anybody else has taken too much PREZISTA, contact your doctor, pharmacist or the Poisons Information Centre who will advise you what to do.

You can contact the Poisons Information Centre by dialling:

- Australia: 13 11 26

- New Zealand: 0800 POISON or 0800 764 766.

While you are taking PREZISTA

Things you must do:

- Do not stop taking PREZISTA without talking to your doctor first

HIV therapy may increase your sense of well being. Even when you feel better, do not stop taking PREZISTA. Talk to your doctor first.

Be sure to keep all your doctor's appointments so your progress can be checked.

Your doctor will want to do some blood, urine and other tests from time to time to check on your progress.

Be sure to follow up your doctor's instructions about other medicines you should take, and other things you should do.

Ask your doctor or pharmacist if you have any questions.

Tell any other doctors and pharmacists who are treating you that you are taking PREZISTA. If you are undergoing anaesthesia, tell your anaesthetist that you are taking PREZISTA.

If you are about to be started on any new medicines, tell your doctor or pharmacist that you are taking PREZISTA.

If you become pregnant while taking PREZISTA, tell your doctor immediately.

If you have any further questions on the use of this product, ask your doctor.

Things to be careful of

Driving and using machines

Do not operate machines or drive if you feel dizzy after taking PREZISTA.

Side Effects

Like all medicines, PREZISTA can have side effects. Some of these effects may be serious. Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you do not feel well while you are being treated with PREZISTA.

When treating HIV infection, it is not always easy to identify what side effects are caused by PREZISTA, which are caused by other medicines you are taking, or which are caused by the HIV infection itself.

The most common side effects are:

- nausea, vomiting
- headache
- abdominal pain, diarrhoea, constipation

PREZISTA may change some values of your blood chemistry. These can be seen in the results of blood tests. Your doctor will explain these to you.

Skin rash has been reported in 7% of patients receiving PREZISTA. In some patients, PREZISTA has been reported to cause a severe or life-threatening rash. Contact your doctor if you develop a rash. Your doctor will advise you whether your symptoms can be managed on therapy or whether PREZISTA should be stopped.

Some side effects are typical for anti-HIV medicines in the same family as PREZISTA. These are:

- raised blood sugar and worsening of diabetes.
- muscle pain, tenderness or weakness. On rare occasions, these muscle disorders have been serious.
- changes in body shape due to fat redistribution. These may include loss of fat from legs, arms and face, increased fat in the abdomen (belly) and other internal organs, breast enlargement and fatty lumps on the back of the neck (buffalo hump). The cause and long term health effects of these conditions are not known at this time.

If you experience any of these side effects and they worry you, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell your doctor.

Tell your doctor if you notice signs or symptoms of infections, such as a fever or rashes. Some people with HIV who have had infections in the past may experience a return of symptoms soon after taking anti-HIV medicines.

If you think you are having an allergic reaction to PREZISTA, tell your doctor immediately or go to Accident and Emergency at your nearest hospital.

Symptoms usually include some or all of the following:

- rash, itching or hives on the skin
- shortness of breath, wheezing or difficulty breathing
- swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of the body

Other side effects not listed above may also occur in some people.

Product Description

Storage

PREZISTA tablets should be kept out of reach of children, in a location where the temperature stays below 30°C.

What it looks like:

PREZISTA tablets are orange, oval shaped tablets, with TMC114 on one side, 300MG on the other side. Each plastic bottle contains 120 tablets.

Ingredients

Active ingredient:

- darunavir 300 mg (as darunavir ethanolate)

Other ingredients:

- microcrystalline cellulose
- colloidal anhydrous silica
- crospovidone
- magnesium stearate

- polyvinyl alcohol - partially hydrolysed
- macrogol 3350
- titanium dioxide (E171)
- talc
- sunset yellow FCF (E110).

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