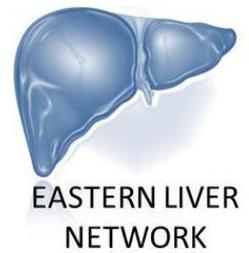


ELBASVIR/GRAZOPREVIR (ZEPATIER®)



What are Elbasvir and grazoprevir and what do they do?

Elbasvir and grazoprevir (also known as Zepatier®) are used to treat hepatitis C in combination, and come together in a single tablet. Elbasvir and grazoprevir stop replication of the hepatitis C virus by directly affecting the mechanisms used by the virus to make copies of itself. They are therefore known as direct acting antivirals (DAA).

How do I take my Zepatier® tablets?

Zepatier® comes as one tablet containing 400mg of Elbasvir and 100mg of grazoprevir. You should take one tablet once a day. The duration of treatment will depend on your hepatitis C genotype and the extent of your liver disease. Usually treatment is taken for between 12 and 16 weeks.

If you are sick within two hours of taking your Zepatier® tablet you should take an additional dose.

If you forget to take your dose but remember within 16 hours you should take your normal dose, but if it is after this then you should skip that day's dose

Are there any side effects of Zepatier®?

It is very common for patients taking Zepatier® to experience headaches and/or fatigue however these are not usually severe.

Other common symptoms include diarrhoea, nausea, skin itching, decreased appetite and physical weakness.

If you experience any adverse effects you should contact your nurse specialist or prescriber.

Do I need to have any tests or be monitored because I take Zepatier®?

You will need regular blood tests to check the level of hepatitis C virus in your blood while you are taking Zepatier. These will be explained at your clinic appointment. At the same time you will need blood tests to check your liver is functioning correctly.

Special warnings and precautions

You should contact your nurse specialist or consultant if you suffer from fatigue, weakness, lack of appetite, nausea and vomiting, jaundice or discoloured faeces.

Are there any problems taking Zepatier® with any other medications?

Zepatier® can be affected by other medication, and may also affect medicines itself. You should always check with your doctor, nurse specialist or pharmacist before starting any new medication.

Further information

Further information about your tablet can be found in the patient information leaflet found in the tablet/capsule box or on the container.

Further information on hepatitis C can be found on the following websites:

- The British Liver Trust (www.britishlivertrust.org.uk)
- The Hepatitis C Trust (www.hepctrust.org.uk)
- www.patient.co.uk
- www.easternliver.net