

## What is Daklinza® and what does it do?

Daklinza® (also known as daclatasvir) is used together with other medication to treat hepatitis C. It stops replication of the hepatitis C viruses by directly affecting the mechanisms used by the virus to make copies of itself. It is therefore known as a direct acting antiviral (DAA).

## How do I take my Daklinza® tablets?

Daklinza® should always be taken with other medication for hepatitis C.

Daklinza® comes as different strength tablets, containing either 30mg or 60mg of daclatasvir. The usual dose is **one 60mg tablet taken daily** but your doctor may need to prescribe the lower strength tablet in certain circumstances.

If you are sick within 2 hours of taking your Solvaldi® tablet you should take an additional dose.

If you forget to take your dose but remember within 20 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 Daklinza®?

It is very common for patients taking Daklinza® to experience headaches, fatigue or nausea; however these are not usually severe. Some patients experience muscle pain or problems with sleeping.

Some patients may experience side effects from the medication taken in combination with Daklinza®. If you experience a slow or irregular heart beat and shortness of breath you should report this to your doctor

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

You will need regular blood tests to check the level of hepatitis C virus in your blood while you are taking Daklinza®. These will be explained at your clinic appointment.

## Special warnings and precautions when taking Daklinza®

If you are pregnant or breast-feeding you must inform your doctor.

## Are there any problems taking Daklinza® with any other medications?

Many medications are known to interact with Daklinza® and may require your dose of Daklinza to be changed. This should always be done in discussion with your doctor.

Some medication may be affected by Daklinza® and you should always check with your doctor, nurse specialist or pharmacist before starting any new medication.

If you are already prescribed a drug called amiodarone then Daklinza® in combination with sofosbuvir may not be suitable for you and you should contact your doctor or nurse specialist.

## 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](http://www.britishlivertrust.org.uk))
- The Hepatitis C Trust ([www.hepctrust.org.uk](http://www.hepctrust.org.uk))
- [www.patient.co.uk](http://www.patient.co.uk)
- [www.easternliver.net](http://www.easternliver.net)