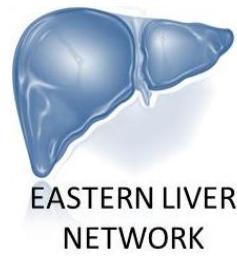


SOFOSBUVIR/VELPATASVIR (EPCLUSA®)



What are sofosbuvir and velpatasvir and what do they do?

Sofosbuvir and velpatasvir (also known as Epclusa®) are used to treat hepatitis C in combination, and come together in a single tablet. Sofosbuvir and velpatasvir stop replication of the hepatitis C viruses 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 Epclusa® tablets?

Epclusa® comes as one tablet containing 400mg of Sofosbuvir and 100mg of velpatasvir. **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 12 weeks.

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

If you forget to take your dose but remember within 18 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 Epclusa®?

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

If you experience any adverse effects you should contact your nurse specialist or prescriber. Some patients may require a dose adjustment.

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

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

Special warnings and precautions

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

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

If you are already prescribed a drug called amiodarone then Epclusa® is not suitable for you and you should contact your doctor or nurse specialist.

Epclusa® 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