

*Take this  
medicine exactly  
as prescribed at  
the same time  
each day.*

## **Dolutegravir (Tivicay®)**

Dolutegravir is a medication that is used to either treat human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) or reduce the risk of contracting HIV. This medication is always used in combination with other medications and should never be taken alone.

### **Dosage and administration**

Dolutegravir is taken once a day. Take this medication at the same time every day at regular intervals.

You may take this medication with or without food. Take this medication with a full glass of water.

### **Missed doses**

It is important not to miss any doses of your medication, as this will increase your risk of contracting HIV or becoming resistant to this medication.

If you do miss a dose of your medication, take it as soon as you remember unless it is almost time for your next dose. If it is close to your next dose, skip the missed dose and continue at your scheduled time. Never take a double or extra dose of your medication.

### **Drug interactions**

Tell your physician and pharmacist about all medications you take at home, including other prescription medications, over-the-counter medications, herbals or supplements.

Dolutegravir interacts with several over-the-counter supplements like calcium, magnesium and iron. Tell your pharmacist and physician if you take any of these medications for guidance on how to manage this interaction.

### **Side effects**

Dolutegravir may cause the following:

- Diarrhea
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Dizziness
- Headache
- Sleep problems

Inform your physician if you have diabetes, because dolutegravir can increase blood sugar levels.

## When to call your physician

If any of the following occur, call your physician:

- Allergic reaction including a skin rash, hives, itching or swelling of the lips, tongue or face
- Mood changes or changes in behavior
- Fever or chills