

Dolutegravir (Tivicay®)

Dolutegravir is a medication 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.

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

When and how to take it

Take dolutegravir 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 dolutegravir. Missing a dose will increase your risk of getting 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.

Interactions with other medications

Tell your physician and pharmacist about all medications you take at home. This includes other prescription medications, over-the-counter medications, herbals or supplements. Some of these may interact with dolutegravir.



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. They will talk with you about how to manage this interaction.

Side effects

Dolutegravir may cause the following symptoms:

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

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

When to call your physician

Call your physician right away if you have any of these symptoms:

- › Allergic reaction including a skin rash, hives, itching or swelling of the lips, tongue or face
- › Mood changes or changes in behavior
- › A temperature more than 100.4 degrees F or chills

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