

Epclusa[®] (sofosbuvir/velpatasvir)

What is Epclusa?

It is a prescription medication used to treat patients with hepatitis C.

It can be used for patients with genotypes 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 or 6 infection with or without cirrhosis.

There are two active ingredients in Epclusa: sofosbuvir and velpatasvir.

How does it work?

The components of Epclusa prevent the hepatitis C virus from making more copies of itself.

How do I take my medication?

Epclusa is a tablet that you take by mouth once a day.

- It can be taken with or without food
- Take it about the same time each day
- It is important not to miss or skip doses

If you miss a dose and you remember within 12 hours, take the dose as soon as possible, otherwise continue with your next scheduled dose. Do not take two doses at the same time to make up for missed doses.

What are the possible side effects of this medication?

Most people tolerate Epclusa very well. The common side effects are headaches, tiredness, and nausea.

Make sure to drink enough water to stay hydrated and get enough sleep while you are on this medication.

Signs of rare but serious reactions should be reported to your healthcare provider right away and include: rash, swelling of the mouth/throat, difficulty breathing, yellowing of the skin or eyes, or swelling of the stomach area.

How should I store this medication?

Store Epclusa at room temperature below 86°F.

Keep Epclusa out of direct sunlight, in a safe place away from animals or children.

It is recommended to store Epclusa in its original container.

What should I tell my healthcare provider before starting Epclusa?

Tell your healthcare provider if you:

- Have liver problems other than hepatitis C.
- Have severe kidney problems or are on dialysis.
- Have diabetes or any other medical condition.
- Are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. Inform your healthcare provider as soon as possible if you become pregnant during your treatment.
- Are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed.
- About all medications that you are taking (including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins and herbal products).

Other information

It is essential that you complete follow up lab tests that are ordered. Your healthcare provider may also check lab tests during your treatment if necessary.

Contact your healthcare provider and pharmacist before starting any other medications (especially heartburn medications) while on Epclusa. Other medications can cause you to have too much or not enough Epclusa or other medications in your body. This may affect the way Epclusa or your other medications work, or may cause side effects.

This medication does not stop the transmission of hepatitis C and will not prevent you from becoming reinfected.

If you are hospitalized or traveling, make sure to bring your Epclusa with you to avoid missing doses.

