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Taking Tivicay safely

dolutegravir · a quick guide for patients and caregivers

3 MISTAKES TO AVOID

1. **Taking it by itself**
   Tivicay is always taken together with other HIV medicines.
2. **Minerals at the wrong time**
   Antacids, laxatives, and some supplements need timing (below).
3. **Changing medicines without checking**
   Some medicines lower Tivicay's levels or must never be taken with it. Ask us first.

How to take it

- **Tivicay is one part of your treatment.** It's taken with other HIV medicines, or with rilpivirine for some adults who are already undetectable.
- **Missed a dose?** Take it as soon as you remember. Never take 2 doses at the same time.
- **Don't run out.** Refill all of your HIV medicines before any of them run out.

Mineral timing (mistake #2)

- **Antacids or laxatives with aluminum or magnesium, buffered medicines:** take Tivicay **at least 2 hours before or 6 hours after**.
- **Calcium or iron supplements:** at the same time as Tivicay **with food**. Without food, use the same 2 hours before, 6 hours after rule.

Check with us first (mistake #3)

- Carbamazepine, rifampin, efavirenz, and some other HIV medicines lower Tivicay's levels, so your provider may switch you to **twice a day**.
- **Never with dofetilide.** Avoid oxcarbazepine, phenytoin, phenobarbital, St. John's wort.
- **Metformin or dalfampridine:** your provider will weigh the risks.

IMPORTANT
Children: Tivicay tablets and Tivicay PD tablets for oral suspension are not the same dose, and they can't be swapped. Check that you get the right one at every refill.

EMERGENCY: CALL 911
Rash with fever, blisters, mouth sores, red or swollen eyes, swelling of the face, lips, or tongue, or trouble breathing: stop Tivicay and get medical help right away.

Call your doctor right away if you notice

- Yellow skin or eyes, or dark urine
- Pain on the upper right side of your stomach

Thoughts of harming yourself? Call or text **988**, any time.

Pregnant or planning to be?

Talk with your HIV provider about the benefits and risks.

Questions? Ask Dr. Mike at fairviewpharm.com/medications

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