PAXLOVID: Patient Info -Reduced renal dose



Nirmatrelvir and Ritonavir) Antiviral Agents

What is PAXLOVID used for?

Paxlovid is used in adults to treat mild to moderate COVID-19 in patients who have a positive result from a COVID-19 test and who have a high risk of developing severe COVID-19 (includes hospitalization or death)

How does PAXLOVID work?

Paxlovid contains two antiviral medicines called nirmatrelvir and ritonavir that make up. Nirmatrelvir stops the virus from multiplying. Ritonavir is not active against the virus but is given as a "boosting agent" to increase the concentrations of nirmatrelvir. Together they help your body overcome the infection.

How to take PAXLOVID?

PAXLOVID comes in a blister card for each day with a morning dose (yellow) and an evening dose (blue).

□ Usual Dose: Take 2 pink tablets of nirmatrelvir and 1 white tablet of ritonavir by mouth 2 times each day for 5 days. For each dose, take all 3 tablets (in the yellow/blue section of the blister card) at the same time for 5 days.

Swallow the tablets whole. Do not chew, break or crush the tablets.

PAXLOVID can be taken with or without food.

Do NOT stop taking PAXLOVID without talking to your health care provider, even if you feel better.

Each carton contains 5 blister cards. Each blister card shows your morning and evening dose, which contains 6 tablets: 4 pink tablets (150 mg nirmatrelvir) and 2 white tablets (100 mg ritonavir), as follows:



Reduced dose: Your dose may be reduced by your health care provider <u>based on your kidney function</u>.

- Take 1 pink tablet of nirmatrelvir and 1 white tablet of ritonavir by mouth 2 times each day (in the morning and in the evening) for 5 days. For each dose, take all 2 tablets (in the yellow/blue section of the blister card) at the same time for 5 days.
- In this case, 1 pink tablet (nirmatrelvir) for each dose will be removed by your health care provider.



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What do I do if I miss a dose?

- Take a missed dose as soon as you remember.
- But if it has been more than 8 hours since the missed dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular time.
- Do not take 2 doses of PAXLOVID at the same time.
- If you are not sure what to do if you miss a dose, call your health care provider.

Common Side Effects of PAXLOVID may include:

- Altered Sense of Taste
- Diarrhea

Muscle Pain

Vomiting

- High Blood Pressure
- Headache

Not many people have taken this drug, and it is still being studied - so it is possible that all the side effects are not yet known, or that rare, but serious side effects may happen.

If these side effects become bad enough to interfere with your daily activities or you experience any side effects not listed above, tell your healthcare professional.

Serious side effects:

Even though it may be rare, some people may have very bad and sometimes deadly side effects when taking a drug. Tell your healthcare provider right away if you have any of these signs and symptoms of serious reactions like:

- Allergic reaction: rash, hives, itching, wheezing, tightness in the chest or throat, trouble breathing, swallowing, or swelling of the mouth, face, lips, tongue, or throat.
- Signs of liver problems: dark urine, feeling tired, not hungry, upset stomach or stomach pain, light-colored stools, throwing up, or yellow skin or eyes.
- Signs of high blood pressure: very bad headache or dizziness, passing out, or change in eyesight.
- Signs of a very bad skin reaction: red, swollen, blistered, or peeling skin (with or without fever); red or irritated eyes; or sores in the mouth, throat, nose, or eyes.

Additional Note(s):

After getting this drug, you must continue to isolate and do other things to control infection. Wear a mask, social distance, do not share personal items, clean and disinfect high touch surfaces, and wash hands often.

Follow-Up Scheduled for: ______.