

3. HOW TO LAMIVUDINE/TENOFOVIR DISOPROXIL FUMARATE 300 MG/200 MG TABLETS

Always take Lamivudine/Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate 300 mg/200 mg Tablets exactly as your health care provider has told you. This is to make sure that your medicine is fully effective, and to reduce the risk of side effects. If you do not know how to take this medicine, ask your health care provider if you are not sure. Always take the dose recommended by your health care provider. Do not change the dose unless your health care provider tells you to.

The usual dose for adults is one tablet each day.

Lamivudine/Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate 300 mg/200 mg Tablets can be taken with or without meals.

Swallow Lamivudine/Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate 300 mg/200 mg Tablets whole with a glass of water.

When used for HIV treatment:

This product is not for use by children under 10 years of age or patients weighing less than 30 kg.

Who is at high risk of getting HIV-1 infection in subjects who are not HIV infected and at high risk of getting infected with HIV (pre-exposure prophylaxis) (PEP):

This product is not for use by children under 10 years of age or patients weighing less than 35 kg.

When used to reduce the risk of getting HIV-1 infection in subjects who are not HIV infected and who have potentially been exposed to HIV recently:

Your healthcare provider will prescribe Lamivudine/Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate 300 mg/200 mg Tablets with a fixed-dose antiretroviral regimen that includes lamivudine and tenofovir disoproxil fumarate.

If any of the side effects get serious, or if you notice any side effects not listed here, tell your healthcare provider.

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Do not store above 30° C.

Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

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The date refers to the last day of month.

Medicines should not be disposed of in household waste. Ask your healthcare provider how to dispose of medicines no longer needed. These measures will help to protect the environment.

If you take Lamivudine/Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate 300 mg/200 mg Tablets, tell another doctor if you need more than 1 hour after taking Lamivudine/Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate 300 mg/200 mg Tablets.

If you stop taking Lamivudine/Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate 300 mg/200 mg Tablets:

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6. POSSIBLE SIDE EFFECTS

Like all other medicines, Lamivudine/Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate 300 mg/200 mg Tablets can cause side effects, but not everybody gets them.

Tell your health care provider about any of the following side effects.

Very common side effects

(These can affect at least 1 in every 100 patients treated)

- dizziness, diarrhoea, feeling sick (nausea), being sick (vomiting)

Tests may also show:

low levels of phosphate in the blood

Common side effects

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- headache

- pain in legs

- rash (including red spots or blisters sometimes with blistering and swelling of the skin, which may be an allergic reaction)

- changes in skin colour including darkening of the skin in patches

- hair loss

- pain in back, fever

- pain in muscles and joints

Uncommon side effects

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- anaemia (low red blood cell count, which can make you tired and out of breath), low white blood cell count (which could make you more prone to infection), low platelet count (which could make you more prone to bleeding)

Tests may also show:

high blood levels of liver function tests

Rare side effects

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- encephalitis, acid in the blood (lactic acidosis, a serious side effect that can be fatal). The following side effects may be signs of

lactic acidosis:

- deep rapid breathing
- drowsiness
- feeling sick (nausea), being sick (vomiting) and stomach pain (see also Warning and Precautions)
- pain in the abdomen caused by inflammation of the pancreas (acute pancreatitis)
- kidney problems, including kidney failure. Symptoms may include nausea and fatigue, but also passing a lot of urine and feeling thirsty. This may also lead to weakening of the bones (with bone pain and sometimes fractures in the bones)

Tests may also show:

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- shortness of breath

- numbness or tingling of the skin, especially in the feet and hands (peripheral neuropathy)

Tests may also show:

- damage to kidney tubule cells

Side effects with unknown frequency:

- muscle pain, breakdown of muscle tissue

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- increases in blood fats (hyperlipidaemia) and an abnormal increase in blood sugar. Your health care provider will test for these changes

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