

**MAVIRET**   
glecaprevir/pibrentasvir

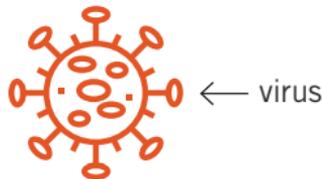
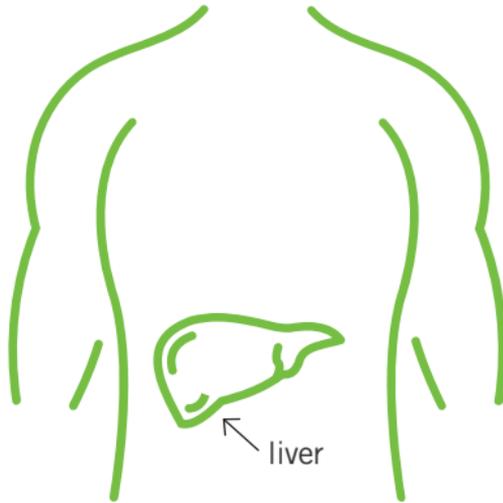
# YOUR TREATMENT WITH MAVIRET

This booklet is for people prescribed MAVIRET



# What is MAVIRET?

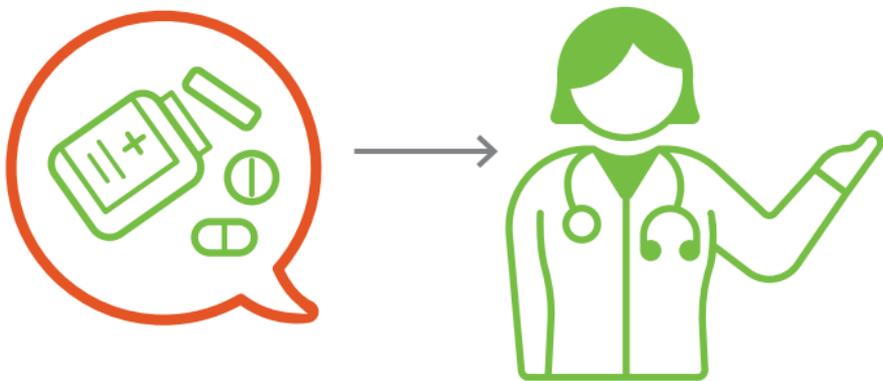
MAVIRET is a medicine used to treat chronic (long-lasting) hepatitis C virus infection (also known as ‘hep C’ or ‘HCV’).



- Hep C is a virus that attacks your liver
- MAVIRET gets rid of the hep C virus from your body
- If your treatment works, you will no longer have hep C
- You could get hep C again from someone else who has the virus by using items that have touched their blood, like sharing a needle or syringe

## Things you should know before taking MAVIRET

Tell your doctor, nurse or pharmacist if you're taking any other medicines, including any vitamins or supplements.



Also tell them if you have any other medical conditions.

Do not take MAVIRET if you:

- Are allergic to any of the ingredients in MAVIRET (ask your doctor, nurse or pharmacist if you are not sure)
- Have severe liver disease
- Are taking the following medicines:
  - atazanavir (for HIV infection)
  - rifampicin (for tuberculosis)

You can find more information in the Consumer Medicines Information leaflet that comes with MAVIRET.

## Where do I collect my MAVIRET?

You can only get MAVIRET from certain pharmacies (AbbVie Care Pharmacies).

Find your closest AbbVie Care Pharmacy on [www.maviret.co.nz](http://www.maviret.co.nz) or talk to your doctor or nurse.

**MAVIRET** tablets are packed into foil blister **daily dose packs**.

Each **weekly box** contains 7 of these foil blister daily dose packs.

A **monthly** carton contains 4 of these weekly boxes (84 tablets in total).



Foil blister /  
Daily dose pack



Weekly box



Monthly carton

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# How to take MAVIRET



Take MAVIRET **once a day**  
(3 tablets together)



MAVIRET **must be taken with food**  
(such as a snack or a meal)



Swallow the tablets whole with  
a glass of water



Don't crush, chew or break tablets

# Take the full course of MAVIRET

Your doctor, nurse or pharmacist will tell you how long you need to take MAVIRET for.

- For most people 8 weeks of treatment will be enough, but some people may need to take it for longer
- Please keep taking your medicine even if you feel well. Don't stop taking MAVIRET without talking to your doctor, nurse or pharmacist first

## MAVIRET 8 Week\* Treatment Course

- Pick up your first MAVIRET box from the pharmacy for the first four weeks.
- Week 1: Start treatment. Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_
- Week 4: Pick up second MAVIRET box from the pharmacy for the second four weeks. Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_
- Week 8: Finish treatment. Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_
- Get your final blood test. Date: \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_  
This is to check if you are cured^ 12 weeks after you finish treatment.

\*Some people may need to take MAVIRET for longer.

^Cure means that the Hepatitis C virus is not found in the blood 3 months after the end of treatment.

## When to take MAVIRET

You should take MAVIRET at about the same time each day. Mark on the calendar each day you take your dose.



Time I will take my medication daily is at: \_\_\_\_\_

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN

To help you remember to take MAVIRET, try taking it with the same meal every day. If possible, set an alarm to remind you.



## What if I forget to take MAVIRET?

Try not to miss a dose of MAVIRET, but if you do miss a dose:

### How long since the dose was missed?

#### LESS than 18 hours

- ✔ Take your missed dose with food as soon as possible
- ✔ Take your next dose at the usual time

#### 18 hours or more

- ✘ DO NOT take the missed dose
  - ✔ Take your next dose at the usual time
- ✘ DO NOT take a double dose to make up for the one you missed.**

Ask your doctor, nurse or pharmacist if you are not sure what to do.

## You might get side effects

You might get side effects – they are usually mild and don't last long. Common side effects of MAVIRET are:



Feeling  
very tired



11.4%



Headache



13.2%



Feeling sick  
(nausea)



7.6%

### If you notice:

- swelling of the face, lips, mouth, tongue or throat which might cause difficulty swallowing or breathing

**Talk to your nurse or a doctor straight away.**



## References:

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MAVIRET is a fully funded medicine with an alternative arrangement on how it is available to you.  
Your prescriber will explain this to you.

## IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT MAVIRET®

MAVIRET® is a prescription medicine containing a combination tablet of 100 mg of glecaprevir and 40 mg of pibrentasvir. It is used to treat adults and adolescents 12 years and older with chronic (long-lasting) hepatitis C virus (HCV). This medicine belongs to a group of medicines called direct-acting antiviral agents. Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why MAVIRET® has been prescribed for you.

**MAVIRET has risks and benefits.** You must not take MAVIRET® if you are allergic to any of the medicines contained in MAVIRET®, or to any of the inactive ingredients. Do not take it if you have severe liver disease; if you are taking atazanavir or rifampicin containing products. Before you use MAVIRET®, tell your doctor if you have or have had liver problems other than hepatitis C infection, HIV infection, hepatitis B infection, or a liver or kidney transplant. Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you have or have had diabetes. Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are pregnant, trying to become pregnant or if you are breastfeeding or are planning to breastfeed. Do not give MAVIRET® to a child under the age of 12 years. Some medicines and MAVIRET® may interfere with each other, so tell your doctor if you are taking medicines containing any of the following: atorvastatin, simvastatin, pravastatin, rosuvastatin, lovastatin, carbamazepine, ciclosporin, darunavir, lopinavir, ritonavir, efavirenz, dabigatran, digoxin, ethinyloestradiol, fluindione, warfarin or other vitamin K antagonists, St John's wort. Some of the more common side effects of MAVIRET® include feeling very tired, headache and nausea. Other side effects may occur in some people. Tell your doctor, nurse or pharmacist if you notice anything that is making you feel unwell.

**If you have any questions about using MAVIRET, including its risks and benefits, how much to use, how and when to use it, ask your healthcare professional and refer to the Consumer Medicine Information (CMI) available from the Medsafe website [www.medsafe.govt.nz](http://www.medsafe.govt.nz) or free phone 0800 900 030. Ask your doctor if MAVIRET is right for you. Normal doctor's charges apply. Always use strictly as directed. If symptoms continue, or you have side effects, see your doctor, pharmacist or healthcare professional.**

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