



# You and your medicine: A consultation tool

You've been given a medicine for hepatitis C.  
This tool will help you to get the most out of  
a chat with your support or healthcare provider.

Remember, your healthcare provider is  
there to help you, so feel free to speak  
openly and ask all the questions you need to.

**This consultation tool does not replace the Patient Information Leaflet (PIL) included in your medicinal pack. Please refer to the PIL for full information.**

Vosevi is indicated for the treatment of chronic hepatitis C virus (HCV) infection in patients aged 12 years and older and weighing at least 30kg.<sup>1,2</sup>

The dose referred to in this consultation tool is for adults only. This material should only be shared with adult patients.

**Reporting of side effects:** If you get any side effects, talk to your doctor, pharmacist or nurse. This includes any possible side effects not listed in the package leaflet. You can also report any side effects you may get directly via the Yellow Card Scheme at [www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard](http://www.mhra.gov.uk/yellowcard) or search for MHRA Yellow Card in the Google Play or Apple App Store. For Ireland, reporting forms and information can be found at [www.hpra.ie](http://www.hpra.ie) and can be reported to HPRA on +353 1 6764971. By reporting side effects, you can help provide more information on the safety of this medicine.

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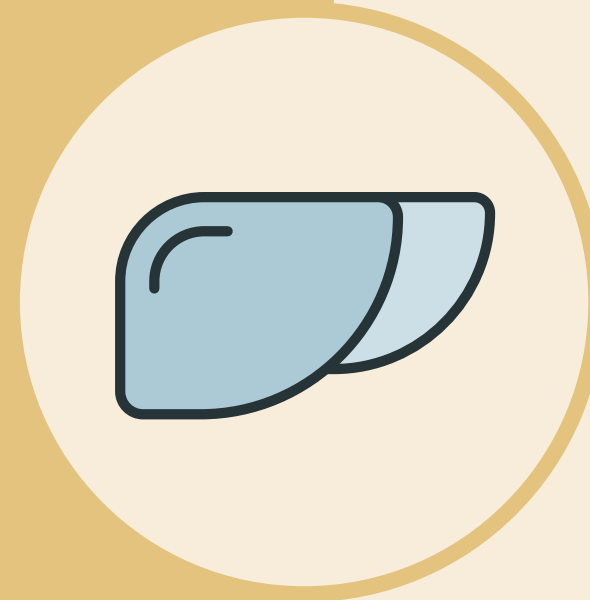
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# What is hepatitis C?



## **Hepatitis C (hep C) is a virus that can infect the liver.<sup>3</sup>**

The hepatitis C virus lives in infected blood (and other bodily fluids) and is most commonly spread when someone comes into contact with blood from an infected person.<sup>3,4</sup> Your diagnosis of hep C may have you feeling worried, but diagnosis is the first step in the journey to improving your health.



# What is the medicine I've been given?



Vosevi is a beige, capsule-shaped, film-coated tablet containing substances called sofosbuvir, velpatasvir and voxilaprevir. On one side it is stamped with the letters "GSI" and on the other side is the number "3".<sup>1,2</sup>



Not to scale.

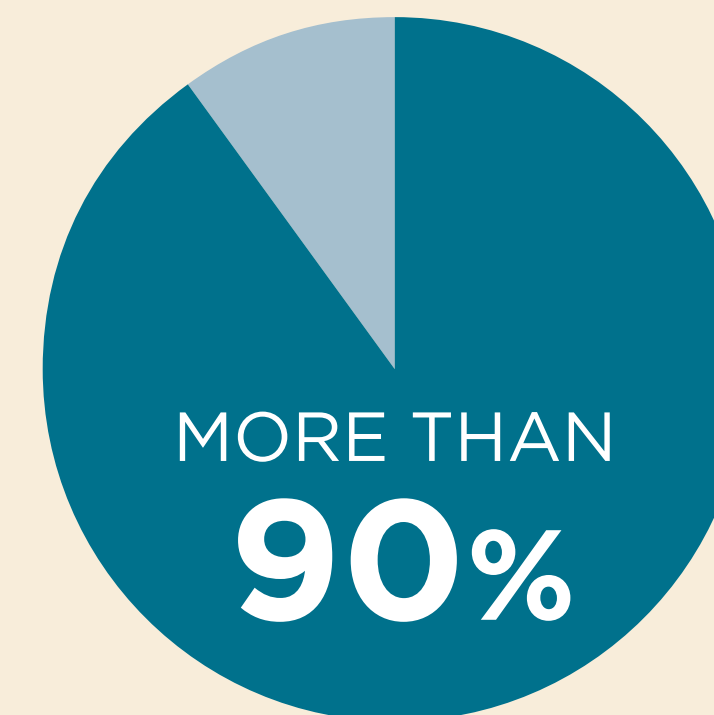


# How could this medicine help me?



## Your healthcare provider has given you Vosevi to treat hepatitis C.

As long as the medicine is taken in the recommended way, more than 90% of people may be cured.<sup>1-3,5,6</sup>



of patients with  
hepatitis C may be cured<sup>1,2,5</sup>

Take one tablet with food, once a day for 8–12 weeks to help treat the virus, depending on how your doctor has advised you to take it.<sup>1,2</sup>



# Is this medicine suitable for me?



**If you have been given Vosevi, your healthcare team think it's an appropriate medicine for you.**

You'll already have discussed things like other drugs or medicines you are taking and sexual relationships. Even so, if for any reason you don't feel comfortable with the medicine you've been given, make sure you ask your healthcare team for more advice.





# How do I take my Vosevi medicine?



**Taking your medicine is the first step to being free of the hepatitis C virus. In just 8–12 weeks you could be cured of hep C.<sup>1,2</sup>**

- Take one tablet, once a day, with food.
- The tablet should not be crushed, split, or dissolved, so make sure you swallow it whole.<sup>1,2</sup>

**For the best chance of cure, it is important to take your medicine as instructed by your doctor.**

- If, however, your doctor has prescribed you another medicine called a proton pump inhibitor (such as omeprazole, lansoprazole, rabeprazole, pantoprazole or esomeprazole), and you need high doses, your doctor may give you a different medicine or adjust the dose of the medicine you're taking.<sup>1,2,7</sup>
- If you are taking an antacid, take it at least 4 hours before or at least 4 hours after Vosevi.<sup>1,2,7</sup>
- If your doctor has prescribed an H2-antagonist, (such as famotidine, cimetidine, nizatidine or ranitidine), and you need high doses, your doctor may give you a different medicine or adjust the dose of the medicine you're taking.<sup>1,2,7</sup>



# How do I take my Vosevi medicine?



**It is very important to read the leaflets for the other medicines you will be taking with Vosevi. If you have any questions about your medicines, please ask your healthcare team.**

Your healthcare team may ask you to come back in for a check-up after 12 or 24 weeks to check that the virus has been cleared from your body. They'll carry out a blood test to do this. In a small number of people the virus is not cleared after treatment. If you're one of these people, your healthcare team may suggest you try another medicine.<sup>2,6,7</sup>

**Remember to read the Patient Information Leaflet for more details on how to take your medicine.**





# What about drinking alcohol or taking illicit drugs?



**If you think that you will take illicit drugs or drink alcohol while taking your medicine, it's important that you tell your healthcare team.**

**They can support you and are there to give you help and advice without judgement.**



# What if I miss a tablet?

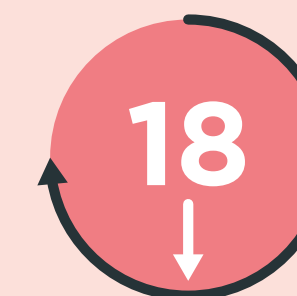


Completing the full course of treatment gives the medicine the best chance of working to treat the hepatitis C virus infection. If you do forget and miss taking it at any point during the 8-12 weeks, you can continue your treatment to help clear the virus.



If you notice **within 18 hours** of missing your dose, it's ok to take the tablet you missed straight away.<sup>1,2,7</sup>

Take your next tablet at your usual time and carry on as before.<sup>1,2,7</sup>



If it's been **more than 18 hours** since you last took your Vosevi tablet, just miss that dose out.<sup>1,2,7</sup>

Simply take your next dose as normal.<sup>1,2,7</sup>

It's important that you don't take two doses close together in time (known as a double dose) so try to keep track.<sup>1,2,7</sup>

If you've been distracted recently and have missed more than one dose, please inform your healthcare team.



# I'm worried about side effects



Like any other medicine, there are some common side effects with Vosevi such as headache, diarrhoea, feeling sick, stomach pain, decreased appetite, being sick, muscle pain, abnormal liver function tests and rash.<sup>1,2,6</sup>

Stop taking Vosevi and seek medical help immediately if you experience swelling of the face, lips, tongue or throat or if you develop a widespread severe rash with peeling skin, which may be accompanied by fever, flu, like symptoms, blisters in the mouth, eyes, and/or genitals (Stevens Johnson syndrome).<sup>2,7</sup>

If you notice any side effects or you have any other questions about taking your medicine, just ask your healthcare provider. They'll be very happy to answer your questions.

Remember to read the Patient Information Leaflet for more details on how to take your medicine and how to report any adverse events.



# How should I store my Vosevi medicine?<sup>2,7</sup>



- There are no special storage requirements for Vosevi, so no need to keep it in the fridge.
- Your medicine should be kept out of sight and reach of children and animals and should not be used after the expiration date shown on the packaging.
- If the seal is already broken or missing the first time you open your Vosevi medicine, tell your healthcare team as soon as possible.
- Always dispose of any unused medicine through your pharmacist.
- Do not share your medicine with anyone else.



# What about pregnancy or breastfeeding?



Vosevi is not recommended for use during pregnancy. This is because we don't know much about how Vosevi might affect pregnant women or their unborn child.<sup>2,7</sup>

It is important not to breastfeed during treatment, as it is not known if some of the active substances of Vosevi may pass into human breast milk.<sup>2,7</sup>

If you or your partner become pregnant during treatment with Vosevi, please contact your doctor or healthcare team immediately.<sup>2,7</sup>





# Can I take other medicines with Vosevi?



If you're taking other medicines including any herbal remedies (such as St John's Wort) or illicit drugs, you must tell your healthcare team.<sup>2,7</sup> This is because some things can interact with your medicine and maybe make it less effective or work in a different way. It's important to mention everything – even if you only take it occasionally.

This also includes discussing any contraception you might be taking particularly those including ethinylestradiol.<sup>2,7</sup> If you're in a sexual relationship, you should not risk passing the infection on to your partner or an unborn child before you're cured, so you'll need effective contraception while you're being treated for hepatitis C.<sup>1,2,7</sup>

Some medicines must not be used with Vosevi. These include strong P-glycoprotein and/or strong cytochrome P450 inducers, and rosuvastatin or dabigatran etexilate.<sup>1,2,7</sup> Please refer to the Patient Information Leaflet for further information and talk to your healthcare team if you have any concerns.



# Can I be infected with hepatitis C again?



You can still spread hep C during your treatment, so it's important to take your Vosevi medicine for the whole length of treatment. Successfully treating hep C means that you cannot pass it on to other people anymore.<sup>3</sup> But even after you have finished treatment, you can still catch hep C again.<sup>3</sup> To reduce the risk of catching hep C again or passing it on, avoid:<sup>4</sup>

- Sharing needles and other items used to take drugs
- Having unprotected sex - this includes with men who have sex with men
- Sharing your razor or toothbrush



**You're not  
on your own**



**If you'd like support and advice at  
any stage of your journey, your healthcare  
team will be happy to help you.**

You can also speak to the patient organisation  
The Hepatitis C Trust in confidence on 020 7089 6221  
or email [helpline@hepcctrust.org.uk](mailto:helpline@hepcctrust.org.uk)



# Talk openly with your healthcare team



If you have other thoughts or questions that aren't answered by this guide or any the materials you've been given, the best place to start is with your healthcare team – they are always ready to help you.

Try to be as open as you can with them so they can help you in the best way possible.





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