

## Prezista® [pre-ZIS-ta] (darunavir)



There are five classes of HIV medications (meds). They will not prevent or cure HIV. They limit how the virus makes copies of itself in your body. Prezista is in the class of meds called *protease inhibitors* (PIs).

### Who Should Take Prezista?

Adults and children 3 years or older can take Prezista.

Before you start Prezista, tell your doctor if you:

- Have diabetes
- Have liver problems
- Are allergic to sulfa meds
- Are pregnant or plan to become pregnant
- Take statins for high cholesterol

### How Is Prezista Taken?

- Prezista comes in a pill. It is taken with a meal.
- Prezista can be taken once a day or twice a day. Your doctor will tell you how often to take this pill.
- Doses can differ from person to person

- Do not miss doses. If a dose is missed, it should be taken right away. If it is almost time for the next, just take one pill. Do not take two pills at the same time.
- You must take Norvir® (ritonavir) at the same time as Prezista

Talk with your doctor before you eat grapefruit or drink grapefruit juice when you take Prezista.

### Side Effects

It is common to have side effects when you start HIV treatment. Make sure your doctor knows about any allergies and side effects you have had to other meds. Your doctor may change the type and/or amount of your meds.

What are the common side effects of Prezista?

- Loose stool
- Feel sick to your stomach
- Headaches
- Changes in how the body stores fat

What are the severe and rare side effects of Prezista?

- Liver problems

Stop Prezista if you:

- Feel sick to your stomach or throw up
- Feel tired
- Have yellow skin or eyes
- Have itchy skin
- Have dark tea-colored pee
- Rash- call your doctor right away if you

Take your HIV treatment just how your doctor tells you. Do not miss any doses, even if you feel well. When the meds are in your body, they will help stop the HIV.

Bring all of your meds and any supplements to your doctor visits. A "Brown Bag Check-up" can also help your doctor keep your records up to date and help you get better quality care.

- get a severe rash with blisters in your mouth
- have a fever and rash at the same time
- High blood sugars and diabetes.

Always talk to your doctor before you stop any treatment they prescribe for you.

### How Does Prezista Mix with Other Meds?

You and your doctor should know all the kinds of meds that you take. When you take two or more meds it can cause a bad *interaction*. This means that the meds do not mix well. This can lead to harmful side effects and hurt your treatment.



Talk to your doctor if you take meds to treat:

- Allergies
- Heartbeat problems
- Blood clots
- Heart disease
- High cholesterol
- Bacterial infections
- Fungus
- Acid reflux or heartburn
- Migraines
- Seizures
- Mental health issues
- Depression
- Anxiety
- Heroin withdrawal
- Problems with sex function

Make sure to talk with your doctor about other meds that do not mix well.

- Birth control pills, patches, rings, shots or implants
- Corticosteroids
- St. John's Wort should not be taken with Prezista
- Meds taken after an organ transplant
- Other HIV meds



#### **For more information**

Contact your Registered Nurse Care Manager, or call Positive Healthcare's Nurse Advice Line at: (800) 797-1717. Visit the Medication Guide on the FDA website at: <http://www.fda.gov>