

## What is OLYSIO<sup>®</sup>?

- It is a prescription medication that is used to treat patients with hepatitis C.
- It is used in patients with genotype 1 hepatitis C.
- The active ingredient in OLYSIO<sup>®</sup> is simeprevir.

## How does OLYSIO<sup>®</sup> work to fight the hepatitis C virus?

- This drug helps prevent the virus from replicating.

## What do I need to tell my doctor BEFORE taking OLYSIO<sup>®</sup>?

- If you are taking any of these drugs because they may also interact with OLYSIO<sup>®</sup>: carbamazepine, cimetidine, cobicistat, diltiazem, grapefruit juice, oxcarbazepine, phenobarbital, phenytoin, rifabutin, rifampin, rifapentine, rosuvastatin, simeprevir, St. John's wort, or tipranavir/ritonavir, verapamil
- \*\*Tell your doctor about all of the drugs you are taking including prescription, over-the-counter medications, natural products, and vitamins to make sure it is safe to take with OLYSIO<sup>®</sup>
- \*\*Tell your about all your health problems including a history a liver problems, severe kidney problems, if you are on dialysis, are pregnant or plan to become pregnant, or if you are breastfeeding or planning to breastfeed.

## How is this drug best taken?

- Take this drug with food and do not open, chew, or crush the capsules.
- Take this drug at the same time every day.
- Avoid missing doses to gain the most benefit from this drug to cure your hepatitis C infection.

## What are the possible side effects of taking this drug?

- The most common side effects include upset stomach, itching, and muscle pain.
- You may get sunburned more easily: use sunscreen and wear clothing to protect you from the sun
- Notify your doctor if you experience these side effects and they bother you and do not go away.
- These are not all the possible side effects of this drug. If you have further questions about side effects, call your doctor.

## How should I store OLYSIO<sup>®</sup>?

- Store at room temperature and avoid leaving medication in an extreme hot or cold environment.
- Keep OLYSIO<sup>®</sup> in its original container – do not place in pillboxes.
- Store in a dry place. Do not store in the bathroom.

## What do I do if I miss a dose?

- If less than 12 hours since your scheduled dose: take the missed dose as soon as you remember.
- If more than 12 hours since the missed dose, skip the dose and go back to your normal schedule.
- Do not take extra doses or 2 doses at the same time.

All of the above information was adapted from the JANSSEN package insert for OLYSIO<sup>®</sup>.

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