

Patient Education Information for: **ZEPATIER®** ® (elbasvir and grazoprevir)



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What is ZEPATIER®?

- It is a fixed-dose combination tablet that is used to treat patients with hepatitis C, genotype 1 or genotype 4.
- There are two medications in each ZEPATIER® tablet: elbasvir and grazoprevir.

How does ZEPATIER® work to fight the hepatitis C virus?

- It contains two direct acting agents to fight the hepatitis C virus and prevent the virus from replicating.

What do I need to tell my doctor BEFORE taking ZEPATIER®?

- If you have severe liver disease.
- If you are taking nafcillin, ketoconazole, tacrolimus, modafinil, etravirine, cobicistat, or are on medication to treat your cholesterol, please notify your doctor before starting ZEPATIER®.
- **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 ZEPATIER®.
- **Tell your doctor about all your health problems including a history of 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 or without a meal.
- 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 headache, feeling tired or weak, and upset stomach.
- Contact your doctor right away, if you have signs of liver problems like dark urine, feeling tired, not hungry, upset stomach or stomach pain, light-colored stools, throwing up, or yellow skin or eyes.
- 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 ZEPATIER®?

- Store at room temperature and in a dry place. Do not store in the bathroom.
- Keep in the original blister package until ready to take to help protect the pill from moisture.

What do I do if I miss a dose?

- If you miss a dose, take the dose as soon as you remember but do not take two doses in the same day.
- Do not take extra doses or 2 doses at the same time of this medication.

All of the above information was adapted from the MERK Inc. package insert for ZEPATIER®.

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