



Heartburn Hotel

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Now first-time Reyataz users can take acid blockers too.

IF you take Reyataz as part of your first HIV combo, and **IF** you haven't been able to take the most powerful acid-blocking drugs (like Aciphex and Nexium) for heartburn or reflux because they interfere with Reyataz absorption...**THEN** here's news for you.

For the first time, the FDA has approved a way to take some stomach meds (the ones called proton-pump inhibitors) with the protease inhibitor Reyataz—without undermining your body's ability to absorb Reyataz. The rules for combining the drugs safely are spelled out in new package information (also review them with your doctor). Those using Reyataz in a second or third HIV regimen still cannot take the stomach meds. And all Reyataz users are still advised to follow label instructions for taking other reflux meds (H2 antagonists like Zantac and Pepcid, or antacids like Tums and Pepto Bismol): Reyataz relies on stomach acids to break it down for use in your body.

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