



Emtriva

Generic Name: emtricitabine

Pronunciation: em-TREE-va

Abbreviation: FTC

Drug Class: [Nucleoside/Nucleotide Reverse Transcriptase Inhibitors \(NRTIs\)](#)

Company: Gilead Sciences

Approval Status: Approved

Generic Version Available: No

Drug Indication

A component of many recommended and alternative treatment regimens for antiretroviral-naïve people living with HIV, as indicated by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) Panel on Antiretroviral Guidelines for Adults and Adolescents.

Visit <https://clinicalinfo.hiv.gov/en/guidelines/hiv-clinical-guidelines-adult-and-adolescent-arv/> for the full DHHS guidelines for adults and adolescents.

General Info

Emtriva is an HIV medication. It is in a category of HIV medicines called nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors. Emtriva was approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration for use by people living with HIV in 2003. Emtriva, as a component of Truvada, was approved for use as pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP) to prevent HIV among those at high risk in July 2012.

Emtriva is available as a single drug or in the fixed-dose combination drugs Atripla, Complera, Genvoya, Stribild and Truvada.

Emtriva must be used in combination with other HIV drugs.

Dosage

Adult Dose: One 200mg capsule once a day.

Pediatric Dose: Age 3 months to 17 years: Dosing based on weight but should not exceed adult daily dose.

Dosing Info: Take with or without food.

Side Effects

The most common side effects caused by drug regimens containing Emtriva are headache, diarrhea, and nausea.

If you have hepatitis B and HIV and plan to stop taking Emtriva, you need close medical follow-up and for several months and your doctor might want to frequently check your liver enzymes after stopping treatment. This is because Emtriva is also active against the hepatitis B virus (HBV). If Emtriva is stopped abruptly, it can cause liver disease to “flare” and damage the liver

Drug Interactions

For a review of drug interactions, including prescription and over-the-counter medications and supplements that should not be taken with Emtriva or may require dose adjustments, consult the Emtriva package insert:

http://www.gilead.com/~media/Files/pdfs/medicines/hiv/emtriva/emtriva_pi.pdf

Other Info

Before taking this medication, tell your doctor if you have kidney disease or liver disease. In addition, tell your doctor if you are pregnant or planning to become pregnant, if you are breastfeeding, and all your medical conditions, including all prescription and over-the-counter medications and supplements you are taking.

For More Info: http://www.gilead.com/~media/Files/pdfs/medicines/hiv/emtriva/emtriva_pi.pdf

Co-Pay Program Info: <https://www.poz.com/basics/hiv-basics/drug-assistance-programs>

Patient Assistance Program Info:

<https://www.poz.com/basics/hiv-basics/drug-assistance-programs>

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