New Zealand Formulary
PATIENT INFORMATION

NIRMATRELVIR AND RITONAVIR

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What does it do?

Nirmatrelvir and *ritonavir* is used to treat COVID-19. It reduces the chances that you will need hospital treatment.

Before you start

- Tell your doctor if you have kidney problems.
- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.

How should you take it?

Take *nirmatrelvir* and *ritonavir* regularly as directed with a glass of water. Swallow the tablets whole. You can take them with or without food.
You need to start taking *nirmatrelvir* and *ritonavir* within 5 days of getting COVID-19 symptoms.
Keep taking it until the course is finished, even if you start to feel better.

What if you forget a dose?

Take the missed dose as soon as possible and continue as directed.

Can you take other medicines?

Nirmatrelvir and *ritonavir* can react with many medicines, sometimes with severe results.
Tell your pharmacist or doctor about all medicines or treatments that you may be taking including vitamins, herbal products, or recreational drugs.

What side effects might you notice?

Nirmatrelvir is a new medicine. All the possible side effects are not known at this time.

Side Effects	Recommended action
Changes in taste Diarrhoea	Tell your doctor if troublesome

If you notice any other effects, discuss them with your doctor or pharmacist.