New Zealand Formulary
PATIENT INFORMATION

# GLECAPREVIR AND PIBRENTASVIR

*glek-a-pre-vir and pi-brent-as-vir*

## What does it do?

*Glecaprevir* and *pibrentasvir* is used to treat Hepatitis C virus infection.

## Before you start

- Tell your doctor if you have ever had hepatitis B.
- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.

## How should you take it?

Take *glecaprevir* and *pibrentasvir* as directed with food and a glass of water. It is important to take it regularly. If you often forget to take it, it may not work as well. Keep taking it until the course is finished. Swallow the tablets whole, do not crush or chew them.

## What if you forget a dose?

If it is nearly time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and take your next dose at the usual time. Otherwise, take the missed dose as soon as you remember. Do not take two doses at the same time.

## Can you take other medicines?

Tell your pharmacist or doctor about all medicines or treatments that you may be taking, including vitamins, herbal products (e.g. St John's wort) or recreational drugs.

## What side effects might you notice?

| Side Effects | Recommended action |
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| Nausea<br>Headache<br>Tiredness or weakness | Tell your doctor if troublesome |

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

## Other information:

- Do not stop taking *glecaprevir* and *pibrentasvir* without talking to your doctor first.