

[Home](#)

2. Darunavir

Darunavir

Generic name: darunavir [*da-ROON-a-veer*]**Brand name:** [Prezista](#)**Dosage forms:** oral suspension (100 mg/mL), oral tablet (150 mg; 600 mg; 75 mg; 800 mg)**Drug class:** [Protease inhibitors](#)[Medically reviewed](#) by Drugs.com on Apr 3, 2025. Written by [Cerner Multum](#).[Uses](#) [Side effects](#) [Warnings](#) [Before taking](#) [Dosage](#) [Interactions](#) [FAQ](#)

What is darunavir?

Darunavir is an antiviral medicine that is used to treat HIV (human [immunodeficiency](#) virus). HIV can cause [acquired immunodeficiency syndrome](#) (AIDS). **Darunavir is not a cure for HIV or AIDS.**

Darunavir must be given in combination with ritonavir and other antiviral medications and should not be used alone.

Darunavir may also be used for purposes not listed in this medication guide.

Darunavir side effects

Get emergency medical help if you have **signs of an allergic reaction** (hives, difficult breathing, swelling in your face or throat) **or a severe skin reaction** (fever, [sore throat](#), burning eyes, skin pain, red or purple skin rash with blistering and peeling).

Darunavir may cause serious side effects. Call your doctor at once if you have:

- a skin rash, no matter how mild;
- **high blood sugar**--increased thirst, increased urination, dry mouth, fruity breath odor; or
- **signs of liver or pancreas problems**--loss of appetite, upper stomach pain (that may spread to your back), nausea or vomiting, [fast heart rate](#), dark urine, jaundice (yellowing of the skin or eyes).

Darunavir affects your immune system, which may cause certain side effects (even weeks or months after you've taken darunavir). Tell your doctor if you have:

- **signs of a new infection**--fever, night sweats, swollen glands, cold sores, cough, wheezing, diarrhea, [weight loss](#);
- trouble speaking or swallowing, problems with balance or eye movement, weakness or prickly feeling; or
- swelling in your neck or throat (enlarged thyroid), menstrual changes, impotence.

Common side effects of darunavir may include:

- nausea, vomiting, diarrhea, stomach pain;
- headache;
- rash; or
- changes in the shape or location of body fat (especially in your arms, legs, face, neck, breasts, and waist).

This is not a complete list of side effects and others may occur. Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

 [Darunavir side effects](#) (more detail)

Related/similar drugs

Descovy

Descovy is used to treat and prevent HIV infection in adults and adolescents. When used for HIV-1 ...

Reviews & ratings

7.4 / 10

[22 Reviews](#)

[View more](#)

Dovato

Dovato is used to treat HIV-1 infection in adults and children 12 years and older weighing at least ...

Reviews & ratings

6.5 / 10

[49 Reviews](#)

[View more](#)

FEATURED

Biktarvy

Biktarvy is a complete HIV-1 treatment in a once-a-day single tablet containing three antiviral ...

Reviews & ratings

7.2 / 10

[221 Reviews](#)

[View more](#)

Truvada

Truvada is a combination antiviral tablet that may be used to reduce the risk of adults and ...

Reviews & ratings

6.2 / 10

[40 Reviews](#)

[View more](#)

Atripla

Atripla prevents the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) from reproducing in your body. Learn about ...

Reviews & ratings

9.0 / 10

[105 Reviews](#)

[View more](#)

Complera

Complera (emtricitabine, rilpivirine, and tenofovir) is used to treat HIV infection. Includes ...

Reviews & ratings

8.3 / 10

[60 Reviews](#)

[View more](#)

Stribild

Stribild (cobicistat, elvitegravir, emtricitabine and tenofovir) is used to treat HIV-1 infection ...

Reviews & ratings

9.5 / 10

[88 Reviews](#)

[View more](#)

Epzicom

Epzicom is used to treat HIV, which

causes the acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS).
Learn ...

Reviews & ratings

[6 Reviews](#)

[View more](#)

Warnings

Stop taking this medicine and call your doctor right away if you have a severe skin reaction: fever, burning or redness in your eyes, mouth sores, or a skin rash that spreads and causes blistering and peeling.

Tell your doctor about all your other medicines. **Some drugs should not be used with darunavir.**

Darunavir can cause serious liver problems. **Call your doctor if you have** upper stomach pain, loss of appetite, tiredness, dark urine, clay-colored stools, or yellowing of your skin or eyes.

Before taking this medicine

You should not take darunavir if you have severe [liver disease](#).

Some drugs should not be used with darunavir. Your treatment plan may change if you also use:

- alfuzosin;
- cisapride;
- [colchicine](#) (in people with liver or kidney disease);
- [dronedarone](#);
- elbasvir and grazoprevir;
- lurasidone;
- naloxegol;
- pimozide;
- rifampin;
- sildenafil (Revatio, for pulmonary arterial hypertension);
- [St. John's wort](#);
- triazolam or oral midazolam;
- **heart medicine**--ivabradine, ranolazine;
- **cholesterol medication**--lomitapide, lovastatin, [simvastatin](#); or
- **ergot medicines**--[dihydroergotamine](#), ergotamine, [methylergonovine](#).

Tell your doctor if you have ever had:

- liver disease (especially [hepatitis B](#) or C);
- diabetes;
- a [bleeding disorder](#) such as hemophilia; or
- an allergy to [sulfa drugs](#).

To prevent HIV in a newborn baby, use all medications to control your infection during pregnancy. Your name may be listed on an antiviral pregnancy registry.

Darunavir can make hormonal [birth control](#) less effective, including [birth control pills](#), injections, implants, skin patches, and vaginal rings. To prevent pregnancy while using darunavir, use a barrier form of birth control: condom, diaphragm, cervical cap, or contraceptive sponge.

Women with HIV should not breastfeed. The virus can pass to your baby in your breast milk.

Darunavir and ritonavir should not be given to a child younger than 3 years old, or a child who weighs less than 22 pounds (10 kilograms).

How should I take darunavir?

Follow all directions on your prescription label and read all medication guides or instruction sheets. **Darunavir must be taken together with ritonavir and other antiviral medications.** Use the medicine exactly as directed.

Doses are based on weight in children. Your child's dose may change if the child gains or loses weight.

Darunavir works best if you take it with food. Take darunavir and ritonavir together at the same time every day.

Swallow the darunavir tablet whole and do not crush, chew, or break it.

Shake the **oral suspension** (liquid). Measure a dose with the supplied syringe or a dose-measuring device (not a kitchen spoon).

You will need frequent medical tests.

Use all HIV medications as directed. **Do not change your dose or stop using a medicine without your doctor's advice.** Remain under the care of a doctor.

Store at room temperature away from moisture and heat.

 [Detailed Darunavir dosage information](#)

What happens if I miss a dose?

Take the medicine as soon as you can, but skip the missed dose if it is almost time for your next dose. **Do not** take two doses at one time.

Always take darunavir and ritonavir together.

Get your prescription refilled before you run out of medicine completely.

What happens if I overdose?

Seek emergency medical attention or call the Poison Help line at 1-800-222-1222.

What should I avoid while taking darunavir?

Using darunavir will not prevent your disease from spreading. Ask your doctor how to prevent HIV transmission during sex. Sharing drug or medicine needles is never safe.

What other drugs will affect darunavir?

Sometimes it is not safe to use certain medications at the same time. Some drugs can affect your blood levels of other drugs you take, which may increase side effects or make the medications less effective.

If you also take didanosine (Videx), take your darunavir dose 2 hours before or 1 hour after you take didanosine.

Many drugs can affect darunavir, and some drugs should not be used at the same time. Tell your doctor about all other medicines you use. This includes prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and [herbal products](#). **Not all possible interactions are listed here.**

 [Darunavir drug interactions](#) (more detail)

Does darunavir interact with my other drugs?

Enter medications to view a detailed interaction report using our [Drug Interaction Checker](#).

+

Add

Popular FAQ

What drugs are contained in the HIV treatment Symtuza?



More about darunavir

- [Check interactions](#)
- [Compare alternatives](#)
- [Pricing & coupons](#)
- [Reviews \(5\)](#)
- [Drug images](#)
- [Side effects](#)

- [Dosage information](#)
- [During pregnancy](#)
- [Drug class: protease inhibitors](#)
- [Breastfeeding](#)
- [En español](#)

Patient resources

- [Darunavir advanced reading](#)

Other brands

[Prezista](#)

Professional resources

- [Darunavir monograph](#)
- [Darunavir \(FDA\)](#)

Other brands

[Prezista](#)

Related treatment guides

- [HIV Infection](#)

Further information

Remember, keep this and all other medicines out of the reach of children, never share your medicines with others, and use this medication only for the indication prescribed.

Always consult your healthcare provider to ensure the information displayed on this page applies to your personal circumstances.

[Medical Disclaimer](#)

Copyright 1996-2025 Cerner Multum, Inc. Version: 11.02.

DRUG STATUS

Availability

Rx Prescription only

[Pregnancy & Lactation](#)

 Risk data available

CSA Schedule*

N/A Not a controlled drug



Approval History



Drug history at FDA



User Reviews & Ratings

[5 Reviews](#)

Images

[Darunavir Hydrate 800 mg \(base\) \(C244\)](#)



[View larger images](#)

Drugs.com Mobile App

Access drug & treatment information, identify pills, check interactions and set up personal medication records.



About

[About Drugs.com](#)

[Advertising policy](#)

[Attribution & citations](#)

Terms & privacy

[Terms of use](#)

[Editorial policy](#)

[Privacy policy](#)

Support

[Help center](#)

[Sitemap](#)

[Contact us](#)



[Subscribe to our newsletter](#) for the latest medication news, new drug approvals and FDA alerts.

Drugs.com provides accurate and independent information on more than 24,000 prescription drugs, over-the-counter medicines and natural products. This material is provided for educational purposes only and is not intended for medical advice, diagnosis or treatment. Data sources include Micromedex (updated 7 Apr 2025), Cerner Multum™ (updated 13 Apr 2025), ASHP (updated 10 Apr 2025) and others.



Ad Choices
ADVERTISEMENT



Copyright © 2000-2025 Drugs.com. All rights reserved.