## **Efavirenz Capsule**

### **Product Information:**

Pharmaceutical form: Capsule

Category : Anti Cancer

Pack: 1x30/Cap

Brand name : Efavirenz Capsule Content : Efavirenz Capsule 50mg Therapeutic Use : To treat human

immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection



## **Product Description:**

## What is Efavirenz Capsule?

Efavirenz Capsule with the combination of other drugs used in the treatment of human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) infection. Efavirenz belongs to a group of drugs known as non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors (NNRTIs). It works by lowering HIV levels in the bloodstream. However efavirenz does not eliminate HIV, it can reduce your risk of acquiring AIDS and HIV-related diseases such severe infections or cancer. These drugs, together with safer sex practices as well as other lifestyle modifications, may lower the risk of transferring the HIV virus to others.

#### **Efavirenz Capsule - How To Use**

■ Efavirenz is available as a capsule and a tablet for oral administration. It is generally taken each day on an empty stomach with water. Every day, at the same time, consume efavirenz. Some side effects will be less troublesome if you take efavirenz at night. Follow the advice on your medicine label properly, and if there is anything you don't understand, talk to your doctor to describe it to you.

- Use the efavirenz capsule exactly as prescribed by your doctor. Do not consume more or less of it, or use it more frequently than your doctor has suggested.
- Do not break, chew, or crush the pills or capsules; take them whole.
- If you are unable to take the entire capsule, you can still consume efavirenz by combining the contents with soft food and chewing it. To make every dose, break the capsule and drop the contents into a small container with 1-2 tbsp of soft food. Soft meals like applesauce, grape jelly, or yoghurt can be used. Be careful not to damage the ingredients of the capsule or disperse it in the air while spraying. Combine the medicine and the soft food in a bowl. The combination should have a granular appearance but not be lumpy. Within thirty minutes of combining the medicine and soft food, you must consume it. When you're done, fill the empty container with another 2 tbsp of soft food. To make sure you've gotten the entire amount of medicine, stir it up and consume it. For the following two hours, don't eat.
- The ingredients of the capsule can be combined with 2 tbsp of room temperature baby formula in a small jar if efavirenz is being administered to a newborn who is not yet able to eat solid meals. Take care not to drop or disperse the contents of the capsule while empty it. It should have a gritty appearance but not be lumpy. Within thirty min of mixing, the solution should be syringe-fed to the baby. To ensure that you have administered the whole dose of medicine, add an additional 2 tablespoons of baby formula to the empty jar, mix, and spoon feed to the baby. The drug should not be given to the baby in a bottle. For the following two hours, do not feed the baby.
- Efavirenz Capsule is an antiretroviral drug that prevents HIV infection but does not treat it. Even if you feel healthy, keep taking efavirenz. Stopping efavirenz without consulting your doctor is not a good decision. Your disease may become more hard to treat if you skip doses or stop accepting efavirenz.

**Efavirenz Capsule - Precautions** 

## **Before taking Efavirenz Capsule**

If you are sensitive to efavirenz, any other medicines, or any of the components in efavirenz capsules or tablets, notify your doctor.

- If you're receiving elbasvir and grazoprevir, notify your doctor. If you are taking this medicine, your doctor will usually tell you not to use efavirenz.
- Ask your doctor if you have or ever had a prolonged QT interval (a rare cardiac condition that can cause fainting or rapid heart rate), other heart issues, or if you have ever consumed significant quantities of alcohol, or taken street drugs, or overused prescribed drugs. Ask your doctor if you have or ever had depression or any other mental disorder, seizure, hepatitis (a viral infection of the liver), or any other liver problems.
- Speak to your doctor about any additional prescription or over-the-counter medications, vitamins, or nutraceuticals you're taking or planning to use. Antidepressants, artemether, lumefantrine, atazanavir, atorvastatin, atovaquone, proguanil, bupropion, carbamazepine, clarithromycin, cyclosporine, delavirdine, diltiazem, Ethinyl estradiol, and norgestimate, etravirine, etonogestrel, felodipine Your specialist may need to adjust your prescription dosages or keep a close eye on you for side effects. Many other medicines may react with efavirenz or raise your chance of developing an abnormal heartbeat, so talk to your doctor about all of the medications you're taking, even if they're not on this list.
- If you are pregnant or expect to become pregnant, talk to your doctor. During your therapy and for the next 4 months after your last dose, you should avoid getting pregnant. If you are capable of becoming pregnant, you must obtain a negative pregnancy test before starting this drug and use reliable birth control throughout your therapy. Efavirenz capsule has been linked to a reduction in the efficiency of hormonal contraceptives (such as birth control pills, patches, rings, implants, or injections) As a result, you should not rely on them as your sole method of contraception while undergoing therapy. Along with any other form of birth control, you must use a protective method of birth control (something that prevents sperm from entering the uterus, such as a condom or a diaphragm). Consult your doctor to assist you in selecting a birth control technique that is right for you. Contact your doctor if you are pregnant while receiving an efavirenz capsule.
- If you have HIV or are getting an efavirenz capsule, you must not breastfeed your baby.
- You should be aware that the efavirenz capsules may cause drowsiness, dizziness, or inability to concentrate. Do not drive or operate heavy machinery until you have a better understanding of how this drug affects you.
- Consult with your doctor about safe alcohol usage while receiving efavirenz. The negative

effects of efavirenz can be worsened by alcohol.

- You should be aware that when taking <u>HIV drugs</u>, your immune system may become strong and start to fight other illnesses already present in your body, or cause other problems to develop. It's possible that you'll experience symptoms of such infections or disorders as a result of this. Be sure to notify your doctor if you develop new or severe symptoms while taking an efavirenz capsule.
- You should be aware that your body fat levels may rise or shift to different parts of your body, including your breasts, upper back, neck, and stomach.
- You should be aware that efavirenz capsules can alter your mood, behaviour, or mental health. If you have any of the symptoms listed while taking efavirenz, contact your doctor right away: Depression, suicidal ideation, planning, or attempt, angry or aggressive behaviour, hallucinations (seeing or hearing things that do not exist), lack of touch with the world, or other unusual thoughts are all signs of depression. Make sure your family is aware of any potentially life-threatening symptoms so they can contact your specialist if you will be unable to seek therapy on your own.
- You should be aware that the efavirenz capsule might develop major nervous system problems, such as encephalopathy (a serious and potentially deadly brain illness), months or years after you get to take it. Since nervous system issues may appear after you've been on efavirenz for a while, it's essential that you and your therapist recognise that efavirenz is to reason. At any point during your efavirenz therapy, if you have problems with concentration or coordination, confusion, memory issues, or other challenges or disorder caused by brain function, contact your doctor immediately. It's possible that your doctor will advise you to discontinue consuming efavirenz.

#### **Efavirenz Capsule - Side Effects**

- Dizziness, difficulty sleeping, tiredness, strange nightmares, and difficulty focusing are all common symptoms. These reactions generally appear 1-2 days after you start taking this drug and last for 2-4 weeks. They can also be minimised by taking an efavirenz capsule before a night on an empty stomach. While using efavirenz, stay away from alcohol and illegal drugs.
- Fatigue, headaches, nausea, vomiting, and diarrhoea are all possible side effects.

- Tell your doctor right away if any of these side effects persist or worsen.
- Remember that your doctor recommended this medication because he or she believes the advantage to you exceeds the risk of adverse effects. The majority of people who take this medicine do not have any substantial adverse effects.
- Indications of liver problems (such as continual vomiting, stomach pain, serious exhaustion, yellowing eyes/skin, dark urine), mood changes (such as depression, thoughts of suicide, nervousness, angry behaviour, mental confusion), incoordination should be reported to your doctor right away.
- As your immune system strengthens, it may be able to fight off previous infections, leading disease problems to resurface. If your immune system gets overactive, you may have symptoms. This reaction could take place at any time. If you have any severe symptoms, such as unexplained weight loss, serious exhaustion, persistent muscle weakness, severe or persistent headaches, joint stiffness, numbness of the hands/arms/legs, vision changes, symptoms of infection (fever, chills, breathing problems, cough, non-healing skin sores), signs of an overactive thyroid (irritability, nervousness, heat intolerance, irregular heartbeat, bulging eye) Unsteadiness, incoordination, difficulty swallowing/speaking/chewing, and trouble moving your eyes are all symptoms of Guillain-Barre syndrome.
- Efavirenz capsule can induce a rash that is generally not life-threatening. A rash may appear in adults within the first two weeks of starting therapy, and if it is not significant, it will usually go away in four weeks. A rash may appear in youngsters within the first four weeks of initiating medication. However, it's possible that you won't be able to distinguish it from an uncommon rash that could indicate a serious reaction. If you get a rash, seek medical help right once.
- Although a severe reaction to this medicine is unusual, get medical help right once if one does develop. Rashes, blisters, peeling skin, fever, swelling (particularly of the face, tongue, and neck), extreme dizziness, and problems breathing are all signs of a major allergic reaction.
- Contact your doctor if you experience any other side effects not listed above.

- Efavirenz is a drug which is used to treat HIV in combination with other drugs (Human Immunodeficiency Virus).
- To reduce side effects, use it on an empty stomach, ideally before night.
- Even if you feel better, do not miss any doses and complete the entire course of treatment.
- You can also infect others with HIV or HBV. Don't exchange needles or other personal objects that could contain blood or bodily fluids.
- Your liver function may be checked on a regular basis by your doctor. If you observe yellowing of the eyes or skin, dark urine, or stomach pain, call your doctor.
- During the first few days of treatment, you might feel dizzy or have strange nightmares. If it troubles you or will not go away, see a doctor.
- While using this medication, use a reliable form of birth control to avoid becoming pregnant.

#### **Efavirenz Capsule Supplier**

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