

Intelence® [IN-tel-ence] (etravirine)



There are five classes of HIV medications (meds). They will not prevent or cure HIV. They limit how the virus makes copies of itself in your body. Intelence is in the class of meds called *non-nucleoside reverse transcriptase inhibitors* (NNRTIs or Non Nukes).

Who Should Take Intelence?

Adults and children 6 years or older can take Intelence.

Before you start Intelence, tell your doctor if you:

- Have past or current liver problems like Hepatitis B or C
- Are pregnant or breastfeed your baby

How Is Intelence Taken?

- Intelence comes in a white, oval-shaped pill
- It can be mixed in with a drink like water, milk or orange juice
- It is taken twice a day after a meal

- Do not eat grapefruit or drink grapefruit juice when you take this med.

Side Effects

It is common to have side effects when you start HIV treatment. Make sure your doctor knows about any allergies and side effects you have had to other meds. Your doctor may change the type and/or amount of your meds.

What are the common side effects of Intelence?

- Severe rash-you should stop Intelence if you get
 - a rash with blisters in your mouth
 - a fever and rash at the same time
- Muscles may hurt, feel tender or weak.
- Hands or feet may hurt, feel tender or tingle
- Changes in body shape or body fat

Always talk to your doctor before you stop any treatment they prescribe for you.

Take your HIV treatment just how your doctor tells you. Do not miss any doses, even if you feel well. When the meds are in your body, they will help stop the HIV.

Bring all of your meds and any supplements to your doctor visits. A "Brown Bag Check-up" can also help your doctor keep your records up to date and help you get better quality care.

How Does Intelence Mix with Other Meds?

You and your doctor should know all the kinds of meds that you take. When you take two or more meds it can cause a bad *interaction*. This means that the meds do not mix well. This can lead to harmful side effects and hurt your treatment.



Talk to your doctor first if you take other meds to treat:

- Heartbeat problems
- Seizures, tremors or shakes
- Fungus
- Infections or tuberculosis (TB)
- Inflammation or asthma (like steroids)
- High cholesterol
- Heroin withdrawal
- Blood clots



For more information

Contact your Registered Nurse Care Manager, or call Positive Healthcare's Nurse Advice Line at: (800) 797-1717. Visit the Medication Guide on the FDA website at: <http://www.fda.gov>