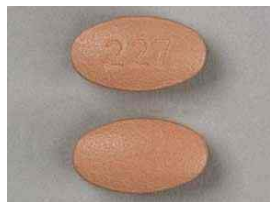


## Isentress® [eye SEN tris] (raltegravir)



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. Isentress is in the class of meds called *integrase inhibitors*.

### Who Should Take Isentress?

Adults and children 2 year or older can take Isentress.

Pregnant women should talk to their doctors before they take this med.

People with Phenylketonuria (PKU) should not take Isentress chewable tablets because they contain a sweetener that is harmful to people with PKU.

### How Is Isentress Taken?

- Isentress comes in a pill and a tablet you can chew
- Isentress is taken every twelve hours with or without food
- The pills are pink, oval-shaped, and have "227" on one side
- Do not take a double dose to make up for a missed dose

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

### 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?

- Headache
- Hard to fall or stay asleep

What are the severe and rare side effects of Isentress?

- Rash – call your doctor right away if you
  - get a severe rash with blisters in your mouth
  - have a fever and rash at the same time

Other side effects include:

- Upset stomach or stomach pain
- Feel tired, weak or dizzy
- Depression

#### **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>

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.

