

Voclosporin

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Lupkynis®

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your rheumatology resource

How to use this medication

What is it



Voclosporin is a medication used to treat patients with active lupus nephritis. While taking this medicine it is important to have blood tests done and see your doctor on a regular basis.

Take it twice a day



The normal dose of voclosporin is 23.7 mg (3 x 7.9 mg capsules) taken twice per day. The dose may be altered based on your kidney or liver function.

Be patient



It will take some time for the voclosporin to work. It is important for you to keep taking the medicine.

What you need to do

Stop if you have an infection



Voclosporin can make it harder for you to fight off infections. Stop the medicine and call your doctor if:

1. You develop a fever
2. You think you have an infection
3. You are given antibiotics to treat an infection

Get regular blood tests



Have your blood tested **regularly**. This is important to make sure voclosporin isn't affecting your blood counts, potassium levels or kidney function.

Get your blood pressure checked



Voclosporin can cause your blood pressure to rise. It is important to have your blood pressure checked on a regular basis.

Drug interactions



There are several prescription medications that are not safe to take with voclosporin. Discuss any new medication with your doctor.

Side effects & important facts

Nausea & feeling unwell



Some people can feel sick to their stomach, bloated, have stomach pain, or develop diarrhea when they take voclosporin. Please let your doctor know if this happens.

Kidneys



Voclosporin can affect your kidneys. Your kidneys are watched through regular blood testing.

Brain



Voclosporin can rarely be harmful to the brain and nerves. Let your doctor know if you develop a headache, change in your vision, tremors, tingling in the fingers, toes, tip of the nose, tongue, or lips, or any confusion.

Other side effects

Voclosporin can cause other side effects:

- Tiredness
- Headache
- Heartburn
- Weakness and muscle cramps
- Mouth ulcers
- Hair loss

Heart



Voclosporin can rarely affect the heart rhythm. Let your doctor know if you have any known heart problems. This can be made worse if combined with certain medications.

Pregnancy & Breastfeeding



Voclosporin is not normally taken during pregnancy or breastfeeding. If you become pregnant or are planning to become pregnant please let your doctor know.

Cancer



When used for long periods of time, voclosporin may be associated with a small risk of lymphoma and skin cancer.

When should I call my doctor

Please call if you need to stop

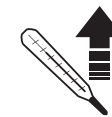
- If you feel sick and want to stop
- If you are concerned about any side effects
- If you want to or have already stopped the medicine



Other reasons to call your doctor:



New high blood pressure



Fever or think you have an infection



Pregnant or planning pregnancy



Severe new headache, change in vision, or confusion



If you are having surgery