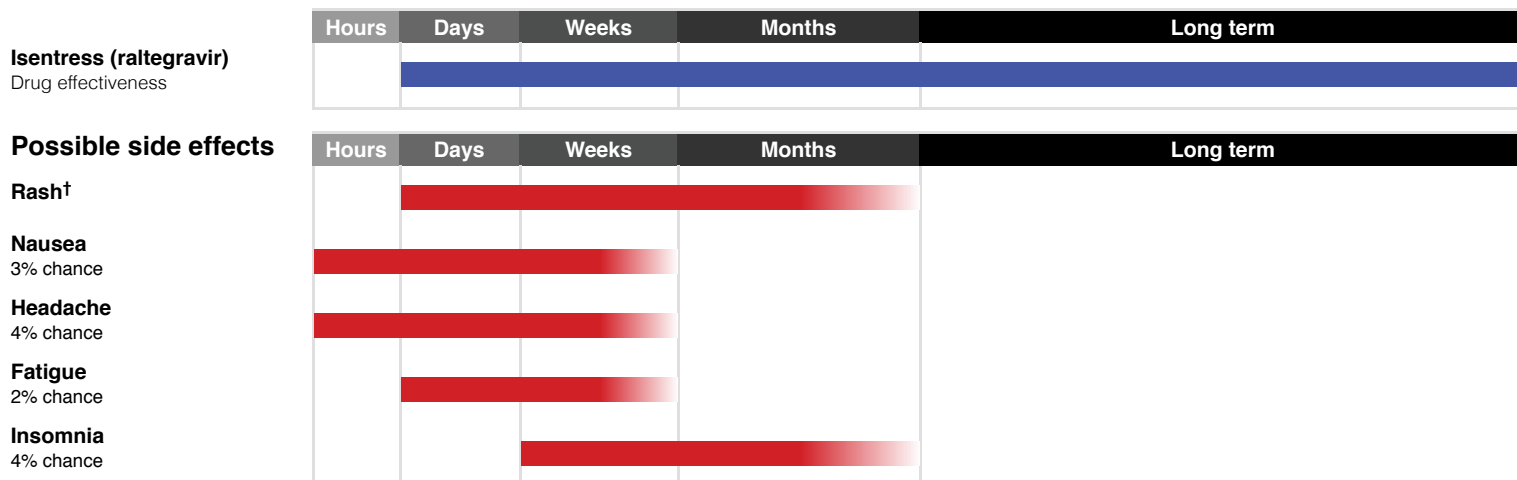


ISENTRESS (raltegravir) basics

Works with other medications to treat HIV infection. ISENTRESS (raltegravir) is considered a first choice to be used with other medications for treating HIV, but it can have more side effects than other similar medicines.

What to expect when starting

Here's when people typically experience benefits as well as some possible side effects. Your experience may be different.



† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

Tips from pharmacists

- Don't take ISENTRESS (raltegravir) at the same time as supplements that contain aluminum and/or magnesium. Take ISENTRESS (raltegravir) at least 2 hours before or 6 hours after these supplements.
- For the oral suspension, you must take the medication within 30 minutes of mixing the powder with water.
- If used as post-exposure prophylaxis (PEP), ISENTRESS (raltegravir) must start within 72 hours of exposure to HIV.
- Always practice safe sex while taking ISENTRESS (raltegravir). Don't share needles or personal items that can have blood or body fluids on them.
- Talk to your doctor immediately if you notice yellowing of eyes or skin, dark urine, rash, fever, fatigue, unexplained muscle pain, or have difficulty breathing.
- If you forget a dose of ISENTRESS (raltegravir), take it as soon as you remember. If it's time for your next dose, take your regular dose, and don't take extra medicine to make up for the missed dose.

Risks and warnings

Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Severe skin reactions

Some people taking ISENTRESS (raltegravir) have had severe and potentially life-threatening skin reactions. If you suddenly get a high fever, blistering rash all over your body, oral lesions, or trouble breathing, go to the emergency room right away.

Allergic reactions

Rarely, ISENTRESS (raltegravir) can cause severe allergic reactions that can be life threatening. If you suddenly get a high fever, blistering rash all over your body, or trouble breathing, go to the emergency room right away.

Rhabdomyolysis (Muscle damage)

ISENTRESS (raltegravir) might cause muscle pain, weakness, or damage in some patients, which can also cause kidney damage if it's not caught in time. If you have any of these symptoms or notice dark urine, to your doctor immediately.