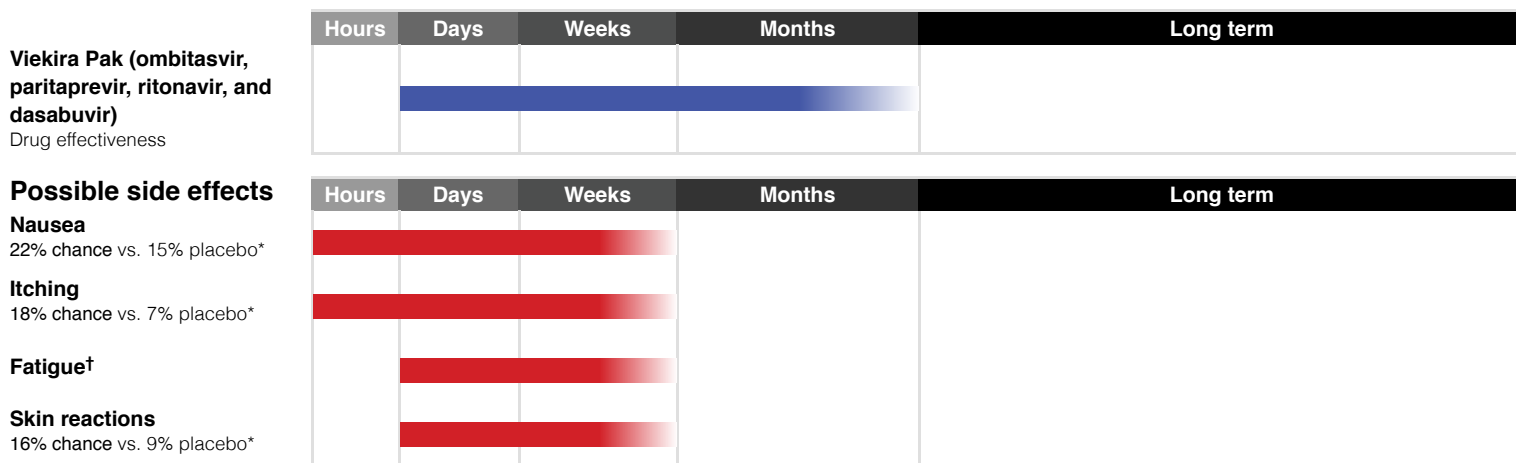


Viekira Pak (ombitasvir, paritaprevir, ritonavir, and dasabuvir) basics

A combination of 4 different medications that treats hepatitis C infection. Viekira Pak (ombitasvir, paritaprevir, ritonavir, and dasabuvir) is a drug regimen consisting of four pills; it's effective against genotype 1 hepatitis C virus, but may not be the best option if you have severe liver problems.

What to expect when starting

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



* Placebo is a sugar pill with no medicinal benefit.

† Data on frequency of side effects is not available.

Tips from pharmacists

- In each daily pack, there are two PINK tablets (3 drugs: ombitasvir, paritaprevir, ritonavir) and two BEIGE tablets (dasabuvir). In the morning, take two pink pills and one beige pill. Take the second beige pill at night. Take all of the pills with food.
- If you forget to take the pink pills, take them as soon as you remember if it's been less than 12 hours since you usually take them. If you forget to take any of the beige pills, take them if it's been less than 6 hours since you usually take them.
- Speak to your doctor if you've had a liver transplant and are on cyclosporine as your doctor may need to check your blood drug level and adjust the dose while you're on Viekira Pak (ombitasvir, paritaprevir, ritonavir, and dasabuvir).
- Do not start any new medication before speaking to your doctor to make sure there are no interactions.
- Speak to your doctor if you're planning to become pregnant as it is unknown if Viekira Pak (ombitasvir, paritaprevir, ritonavir, and dasabuvir) may harm your unborn baby.
- Do not drink alcohol within 4 hours of taking Viekira Pak (ombitasvir, paritaprevir, ritonavir, and dasabuvir).

Risks and warnings

The FDA has identified these as possible serious or life-threatening risks with this medication. Contact your doctor if you experience any of these.

Hepatitis B reactivation

Before you can start taking Viekira Pak (ombitasvir, paritaprevir, ritonavir, and dasabuvir), your doctor will test you for hepatitis B. If you've ever had hepatitis B, taking Viekira Pak (ombitasvir, paritaprevir, ritonavir, and dasabuvir) can cause a hepatitis B infection to start up again, which can be very dangerous if it's not caught in time. Tell your doctor if you've ever been treated for hepatitis B.

Serious liver problems and complications

You should not take Viekira Pak (ombitasvir, paritaprevir, ritonavir, and dasabuvir) if you have moderate to severe liver problems because it can put you at risk of liver complications. Let your doctor know if you currently have liver problems. Let your doctor know right away if you suddenly gain weight with a distended belly, become confused or forgetful, or cough up blood or see blood in your stool as these may be signs of a liver damage.

Raised liver blood tests

Viekira Pak (ombitasvir, paritaprevir, ritonavir, and dasabuvir) can cause increase an enzyme in your liver called ALT. For women, this is more likely to happen if you are on birth control containing estrogens. These medications should be stopped before starting Viekira Pak (ombitasvir, paritaprevir, ritonavir, and dasabuvir) and you should talk to your doctor about alternative birth control options while you are taking this medication. Speak to your doctor right away if you experience fatigue, weakness, lack of appetite, nausea, yellowing of the eyes, or **discolored feces as these may be signs of liver damage.**

