

How to take your

CRIXIVAN

with Norvir

(also called indinavir with ritonavir)



Protease Inhibitor (PI)

What is Crixivan? (KRICKS-ih-van)

Crixivan is a strong medicine that can reduce the amount of HIV in your body. Crixivan fights HIV best when you take it together with one or more other anti-HIV medicines. Norvir can be used to boost or increase the level of Crixivan in your body.

How many pills do I take? And when do I take them?

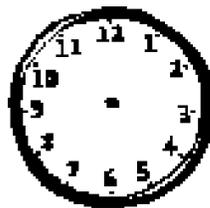
Crixivan: Each day, take _____ pills every _____ hours.

Norvir: Each day, take _____ pills every _____ hours.

Take your pills at these times EVERY DAY:



Morning



Evening

Important: To be sure there is always enough Crixivan in your body to fight HIV, take your pills as close to these times as possible.

Important: If you are taking Crixivan with Norvir, you may take the pills with or without food.

Special Instructions for taking Crixivan with Norvir:

- If you feel sick to your stomach, take the pills with food that has some fat in it.
- Drink a large (8 ounce) glass of water with your pills. DO NOT take the pills with grapefruit juice.
- Drink at least 6 large glasses of water or juice throughout the day.
- Keep your medicine box or pill bottle tightly closed and in a dry place. To work properly, the pills must stay dry.



What if I forget to take my Crixivan with Norvir on time?

When you notice that you missed a dose:

- **Take the missed dose as soon as you remember.**



What should I do if I have side effects?



Some people who take Crixivan have side effects (unwanted effects of the medicine). Possible side effects include:

- headache
- feeling sick to your stomach
- feeling tired or weak
- kidney stones
- pain in your stomach or belly

If you have these or other side effects:

- Keep in mind that most side effects go away in a few days or weeks.
- Call your doctor or nurse. They may have ways to relieve your side effects.
- DO NOT take fewer pills or stop taking your pills. Talk to your doctor first.
- Try the ideas in the tip sheet, *“Coping with Side Effects”*.

- If you have blood in your urine, or pain in your sides, back or stomach, call your doctor **RIGHT AWAY**. You may have a kidney stone.

What are the medicines I should NOT use now that I'm taking Crixivan?

Some medicines don't mix well with Crixivan or Norvir.

Taking Crixivan and Norvir when you are using these medicines could make you very sick or cause the medicines not to work.



Your doctor knows which medicines are safe to take with Crixivan and which are not. **Be sure you have told your doctor ALL the medicines you are taking**. This includes:

- medicines prescribed to you by a doctor
- medicines you can buy without a prescription
- herbal medicines
- street drugs

Call your doctor or nurse if:



- you have questions about how to take Crixivan and Norvir
- you are being bothered by side effects
- you feel like stopping or taking less Crixivan or Norvir
- you are having trouble taking Crixivan and Norvir on time
- you want to start taking ANY medicine you are not now taking.

DON'T FORGET: You can still spread the virus.

The anti-HIV medicines you are taking can help you stay healthier longer. But they do not cure HIV. To avoid passing HIV to others:
Practice safe sex. Don't share needles or syringes.

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