

Information about your Hepatitis C treatment

Please read this information carefully, if you have any questions or are unsure about anything, ask your doctor, nurse or pharmacist.

Ribavirin

As part of your Hepatitis C treatment you are receiving a medicine called ribavirin. Ribavirin is available in different brands (Copegus® / Rebetol®) and in both tablet and capsule form. Over your treatment course, you may receive different brands of tablets / capsules or a mixture of both.

What does this mean to me?

Receiving tablets / capsules or a mixture of both will not affect your treatment. The strength of the ribavirin medicine in both the tablets / capsules will be the same. There will be labels on your medicines every time you receive them. Please read the labels carefully.

What is the difference between the tablets and capsules?

There is no difference in the strength of ribavirin medicine in both the tablets / capsules. However, the tablets / capsules may look slightly different in colour, shape or size.

You should not change the time that you take your medicine. If you are having any problems taking your medicine please discuss with your nurse or pharmacist at your clinic appointment or call the help desk on the number listed below.

What are the possible side effects of the medicines?

There should be no difference between the side effects which you may experience with either the tablets / capsules as they contain the same strength of medicine. However if you are experiencing any side effects, please discuss with your nurse at your clinic appointment or call the help desk team on the number listed below.

What if I accidentally take too much medication?

If you accidentally take too much medication please contact the help desk on the number listed below.

Contact details

Pharmacy help desk:

Tel: 0121 371 4600 or 0121 371 4603

Monday to Thursday: 08:00 – 16:00

Friday: 08:00 – 13:00

For urgent medical enquires outside of these hours, contact your GP or out of hours NHS services.



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