



Paxlovid[®] reduced dose

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About this leaflet

The purpose of this leaflet is to provide advice to patients who have been prescribed a reduced dose of Paxlovid[®] because of reduced kidney function.

SWhat is Paxlovid®?

Paxlovid[®] is an antiviral medicine used for treating mild to moderate COVID-19.

Bow to take Paxlovid®

Paxlovid® contains 2 different medicines that are packed together in the same foil strip.

You have been prescribed a lower dose because of reduced kidney function.

The dose is:

- Ritonavir: 100mg x 1 white tablet, morning and evening; and
- Nirmatrelvir: 150mg x **1** pink tablet, morning and evening every day for 5 days.

The extra tablets have been removed from each blister strip as in the photo.

Take both tablets together from the yellow foil (on the left) in the morning.



Take both tablets together from the blue foil (on the right) in the evening.

Repeat this for each day of the 5 day course.

You can take the tablets with or without food.

Make sure you complete the 5 day course even if your symptoms improve and / or you are feeling better.

Side effects

Like all medicines, Paxlovid[®] can cause side effects, which are detailed in the leaflet supplied in the medicine box. Most of these are mild and short-term, and not everyone gets them.

Contact

For further information, read the patient leaflet supplied in the medicine box or contact the Pharmacy department on 0141 951 5809.

Notes

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