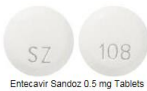





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# Entecavir

## Anti-viral Medicine for Chronic Hepatitis B

Medicine Name	Examples of Brand Name(s)	Strength(s)
Entecavir	Baraclude®, Entac®, Enteclude®, Entecavir Apotex®, Entecavir GH®, Entecavir Mylan®, Entecavir Sandoz®	0.5 mg, 1 mg tablets  

### What is Entecavir used for?

- To treat adults infected with hepatitis B virus.

### What does Entecavir do?

- Entecavir reduces the amount of hepatitis B virus in your body and has been shown to improve the condition of the liver.
- Entecavir is a very important treatment that can improve the inflammation and scar tissue caused by the hepatitis B virus in your liver and may reduce the chance of developing cirrhosis, liver failure and liver cancer.

### How should I take Entecavir?

- Entecavir should be taken ONCE daily with a glass of water on an empty stomach, that is at least two hours before or after a meal.

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- Entecavir helps control your condition but does not cure it so you must take entecavir every day as directed by your doctor for as long as your doctor tells you to.
- Do not stop taking entecavir because the amount of virus in your blood may increase if the medication is interrupted for even a short time.
- If you forget to take your dose of entecavir, take it as soon as possible unless it is close to the time of your next dose. Do not double dose.
- Only take medicine that has been prescribed for you and do not give your medicine to others.

### **What are the possible side effects?**

Only the most common side effects are listed – ask your health care professional for more information if needed.

- Tiredness
- Headache
- Dizziness
- Nausea

### **Important information**

- Do not change treatment or stop treatment without first talking to your doctor.
- Be careful driving or operating machinery until you know how entecavir affects you - some people experience dizziness.
- If you become pregnant while taking entecavir, tell your doctor immediately.
- If you are prescribed any new medicines, tell your doctor that you are taking entecavir as it may interfere with the medicine you are taking.

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