

LAMIVUDINE

- > Also known as Heptovir®, Apo-lamivudine®
- > This medication is available as an oral tablet or solution.

What does the medication look like?

There are several brands for this medication and you may not see yours shown exactly below. Please check with your transplant pharmacists if you have any questions.

Lamivudine 100 mg tablet

What is this medication for?

Lamivudine reduces the amount of the hepatitis B virus in the blood and may help improve liver function and reduce further liver damage.

How should I take this medication?

Take this medication once a day	Your medication time:
(for example 9 AM)	

- This medication may be taken with or without food.
- It can be taken at any time of the day and may be taken at the same time as any of your other medications. Take it at the same time of the day every day in order to keep a steady amount (drug level) in your body.

Missed Dose or Vomited Dose:

If you miss a dose take your medication as soon as you remember and then take your next dose at the regularly scheduled time. If you are more than half way to your next dose, skip the missed dose and continue with your regular schedule. Do not double or take extra doses.

If you vomit within 30 minutes of taking the dose or if you see some of the medication come up, then repeat the dose. Otherwise, just continue on with your next scheduled dosing time.

What are some possible side effects of this medication?

Side Effect	Management
Diarrhea, nausea, vomiting, headache,	Take with food or milk. Inform your doctor or transplant team if persists.
fatigue	
Burning/tingling in hands, feet	If does not resolve or worsens, inform your doctor.
Ear, nose or throat infection	Fever, pain in ear, jaw, pain when chewing food, nasal discharge that is not
	clear. Inform your doctor if it persists.
Abnormal liver function	Inform your doctor if you are experiencing:
	 severe abdominal pain with nausea or vomiting
	 yellow-colored skin or eyes, stomach or abdominal pain, dark urine
	or pale stools
	unexplained changes in your body appearance (weight gain around)
	waist and/or face)
	 pain, tingling, or numbness in the hands or feet