

Prior Authorization DRUG Guidelines

**Isentress® (raltegravir)**

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Isentress® (raltegravir) is an Antiretroviral Agent, Integrase Inhibitor

**Pre-Authorization Criteria:**

VCHCP will authorize Isentress (raltegravir for FDA indicated treatment of Treatment of HIV-1 infection in combination with other antiretroviral agents.

VCHCP requires that Isentress® (raltegravir) be prescribed by an Infectious Disease Physician or Physician with current American Academy of HIV Medicine (AAHIVM) Certification except for post exposure prophylaxis (PEP). Primary Care Physicians (PCPs) can prescribe PEP.

**Dosing: Adult**

**HIV treatment:** Oral: 400 mg twice daily. **Note:** Recommended as a first-line therapy in combination with tenofovir/emtricitabine (Truvada) for PEP in antiretroviral naïve patients

**Dosing: Pediatric**

HIV Treatment: Adolescents  $\geq 16$  years: Refer to adult dosing.

**Dosage Forms: U.S.**

Excipient information presented when available (limited, particularly for generics); consult specific product labeling.

Tablet, oral: Isentress®: 400 mg

## **Administration**

May be administered without regard to meals.

## **Warnings/Precautions**

### *Concerns related to adverse effects:*

Immune reconstitution syndrome: Patients may develop immune reconstitution syndrome resulting in the occurrence of an inflammatory response to an indolent or residual opportunistic infection; further evaluation and treatment may be required.

Myopathy: Grade 2-4 creatine kinase (CK) increases have been observed and myopathy and rhabdomyolysis have been reported; use caution in patients with risk factors for CK elevations and/or skeletal muscle abnormalities, including taking other drugs known to cause myopathy or rhabdomyolysis.

## **DRUG Interactions**

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Efavirenz: May decrease the serum concentration of Raltegravir. *Risk C: Monitor therapy*

Fosamprenavir: Raltegravir may decrease the serum concentration of Fosamprenavir.

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Proton Pump Inhibitors: May increase the serum concentration of Raltegravir. *Risk C: Monitor therapy*

Rifampin: May decrease the serum concentration of Raltegravir. Management: Increase raltegravir dose to 800 mg twice daily (adult dose) when used concomitantly with rifampin. *Risk D: Consider therapy modification*

Tipranavir: May decrease the serum concentration of Raltegravir. *Risk C: Monitor therapy*

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