



CABOTEGRAVIR AND RILPIVIRINE EXTENDED-RELEASE INJECTABLE SUSPENSIONS (Cabenuva®) – Considerations for the Client

To obtain the greatest benefit from this treatment, and to facilitate the provision of your care, please review the following items with your clinician, when considering injectable HIV treatment with Cabenuva®

I, the client, understand the following:

- Before beginning cabotegravir and rilpivirine (Cabenuva®) treatment, my healthcare providers need to review my bloodwork (HIV viral load, drug resistance), other medications (including non-prescription drugs and supplements), and health conditions to make sure it is safe for me to begin Cabenuva®.
 - A one-month period of oral tablets (one each of cabotegravir and rilpivirine tablet daily) is usually required before starting the long-acting injections, to make sure I do not have an allergic reaction or intolerable side effects from the medicines.
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- I will need to get bloodwork to monitor the safety and effectiveness of treatment:
 - Before starting oral lead-in with cabotegravir and rilpivirine (Cabenuva®)
 - Before switching from oral lead-in to injections
 - One month after the first loading dose injection, then regularly while getting injections
 - Each Cabenuva® injection treatment involves two intramuscular (IM) gluteal (buttocks) injections, one injection on each side, and that there may be some pain or discomfort at the injection site.
 - The duration of my injection appointment includes the time needed for my healthcare provider to prepare the medication (at least 15 minutes), as well as giving the injection. I should expect the total time spent at the clinic to be at least 30 minutes (or as advised by the clinic).
 - The treatment with Cabenuva® injections requires my attendance at regularly scheduled clinic appointments every 4 or 8 weeks (depending on the injection schedule).
 - There is a narrow time window for my scheduled injection appointments
 - I will inform the clinic of travel plans, and discuss a plan for continued treatment during and after travel.
 - I will contact the clinic if I cannot attend an appointment, and reschedule within 7 days before or after the date the injection is due
 - If there is a delay longer than 7 days after the dose is due, I am aware I may need to switch to oral antiretroviral medication to bridge until the next injection
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- I understand that if Cabenuva® injections are stopped,
 - Small amounts of cabotegravir and rilpivirine will stay in my body for at least 12 months
 - These small amounts of drug are not enough to control the HIV virus, but could result in HIV drug resistance unless I switch to, and continue to take oral antiretroviral medicine.
 - If I am a person of child-bearing potential, I will take precautions and/or use appropriate contraception, to ensure I do not become pregnant while on this treatment.
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- I will provide my telephone contact information to the clinic for the purpose of scheduling appointments for injections, bloodwork or follow-up.
 - I understand my contact information will be shared with St. Paul's Hospital Ambulatory Pharmacy for the purpose of medication dispensing and counselling.