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Your treatment with Venclyxto

Key facts



What is Venclxyto?






Together with your doctor, you have made the decision to take Venclxyto for the treatment of your chronic lymphocytic leukemia (CLL). Venclxyto is taken daily in the form of a tablet. Venclxyto is used on its own or in combination with another medicine. Your doctor will be able to determine which of the two treatments is best for you.

How Venclxyto works

Venclxyto works by inhibiting the protein BCL-2 in the body. BCL-2 helps cancer cells survive. Inhibiting BCL-2 helps to kill cancer cells and therefore reduces the overall number of cancer cells that are present.

The ramp-up phase

Since cancer cells are very sensitive to Venclxyto, your therapy will start with a so-called ramp-up phase: Over the first five weeks of treatment, the amount of active ingredient is gradually increased each week. After reaching the standard dose of 400 mg per day, you will continue taking Venclxyto at this dosage. Your doctor will adjust the dosage if necessary. For each dosage, you will receive a pack of tablets with the appropriate amount of active substance. The tablets differ in appearance so that the different dosages can be identified more easily.

Week 1	20 mg once daily	
Week 2	50 mg once daily	
Week 3	100 mg once daily	
Week 4	200 mg once daily	
From Week 5	400 mg once daily	

Before starting treatment

Your doctor will discuss the exact procedure for the ramp-up phase with you. During this period, they will monitor you closely and answer any questions you may have before and during therapy.

Inform your doctor about any other medications you are taking to make sure it is safe to combine these with Venclxyto. This also applies to over-the-counter pharmaceuticals or food supplements from the pharmacy or the drugstore, such as preparations containing St. John's Wort.



Drink plenty of fluids!

During the ramp-up phase, your blood may contain a high level of cancer cell degradation products. This can lead to a so-called tumor lysis syndrome (TLS). Staying sufficiently hydrated makes it easier for the body to eliminate degradation products and thereby avoiding TLS. Therefore, it is vital that you drink enough fluids, starting two days before and during the entire ramp-up phase. Drink at least 1.5 to 2 liters of water or other alcohol-free and caffeine-free drinks every day.



You can also use the practical, free-of-charge therapy guide to familiarize yourself with Venclxyto therapy. This guide, as well as additional tips and further information



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Important information for treatment with Venclyxto



Always take Venclyxto exactly as your doctor has told you:

Take the tablets with water and a meal every morning at approximately the same time. If you forget to take your medication, discuss with your doctor on how to continue the therapy.



Drink plenty of fluids:

Drink at least 1.5 to 2 liters of water every day. Start two days before the first dose and keep drinking this amount of fluids during the entire ramp-up phase.



Avoid certain food:

During treatment with Venclyxto, don't eat any grapefruit, bitter oranges or star fruit (carambola) or any products containing them. The ingredients of these fruits can change the level of Venclyxto in the bloodstream.



Don't miss any checkups:

Attend all of your appointments for blood or laboratory tests.



Avoid interactions:

Certain medications belonging to the group of **CYP3A inhibitors** (e.g. certain antifungal agents, antibiotics or HIV medication) must not be taken at the start of and during the ramp-up phase. Discuss this with your doctor. You should also not take Venclyxto if you are taking the herbal medicine **St. John's wort**.



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