

Like you, ABD wants to ensure the success of your hepatitis C treatment.

This information will help.

If you take a medicine to treat heartburn or excess stomach acid, that drug could reduce the effectiveness of your hepatitis C treatment.

To avoid this, it's important that you carefully coordinate when you take both medicines. Please follow the instructions below.

Leave at least four hours before and after the time you take your hepatitis C medicine and when you use any of the following antacids:

- **Tums** (calcium carbonate)
- **Maalox** (aluminum hydroxide)
- **Milk of magnesia** (aluminum hydroxide)

Consult with an ABD pharmacist for instructions if you take any of these acid-reducing medicines, since they work differently from antacids and require different timing:

- **Pepcid** (famotidine)
- **Zantac** (ranitidine)
- **Prilosec** (omeprazole)
- **Nexium** (esomeprazole)
- **Prevacid** (lansoprazole)
- **Protonix** (pantoprazole)



Interactions can occur among many different medicines, both prescription and over-the-counter ones.

So ABD wants to keep you informed about how you can prevent them. As always, please contact us if you have questions or concerns.



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