

Dosing

When pDTG is taken with ABC/3TC, pDTG only has to be taken once daily.

The number of pDTG and ABC/3TC tablets a child should take depends on their weight. See the table to the right:

Please remember to give your child their HIV medicines every day at the same time.

Weight	Number of Daily Tablets	
	pDTG	ABC/3TC 120/60 mg
3 to < 6kg	0.5 	1 
6 to < 10kg	1.5  	1.5  
10 to < 14kg	2  	2  
14 to < 20kg	2.5   	2.5   

Giving Your Child pDTG

pDTG and ABC/3TC can be taken together once daily! They can be swallowed whole or dissolved in a small amount of water.

To give pDTG and ABC/3TC together in water:



1. Add the correct number of pDTG and ABC/3TC tablets based on your child's weight to a clean, empty glass and then add 2-4 teaspoons of clean water.

Note: If your child is not taking ABC/3TC, there may be changes to these recommendations. Always follow the guidance of your healthcare provider.



2. Stir until the tablet(s) dissolves, and let the child drink it. If any medicine remains, add a small amount of additional water and give to the child.



The child should drink all the medicine straight away or over a period of 30 minutes.

Note: Use other liquids or foods for mixing if your child is unable to take the tablets in water. Use the same amount of liquid or food as above to avoid spills and to ensure your child takes the full dose

Side Effects and Drug Interactions

- Side effects with pDTG are rare
- pDTG is safe to take with most other medicines



Rare side effects of pDTG include:

- Trouble sleeping
- Headache
- Nausea

These tend to improve after 1-2 months

Report to your child's health provider any other medications your child is taking as well as if your child has any side effects after taking pDTG!

Have You Heard?

A new and improved ARV for young children living with HIV is available.

**Paediatric Dolutegravir
10 mg Dispersible
Tablets (pDTG)**

What is Dolutegravir (DTG)?



DTG is the preferred ARV for all children and is already used in children over 20 kg.

Paediatric dolutegravir (pDTG) is a newly available, child-friendly version of DTG for young children over one month of age who weigh 3-20 kg.

pDTG is usually taken with abacavir and lamivudine (ABC/3TC).

pDTG comes in tablets that can be dissolved in water or swallowed whole.

Best of all, pDTG tastes like strawberry cream!



The Benefits



INCREASED EFFICACY

Works fast to suppress the virus



IMPROVED SAFETY

Safer and has fewer side effects than other ARVs



EASIER ADMINISTRATION

Taken once daily in water or swallowed whole

Switching to pDTG

If your child is currently on ART and:

1. More than one month old
2. Weighs between 3-20 kg

They may be able to switch to pDTG

If you think your child would benefit from pDTG, please discuss with your health provider!