

# YEZTUGO<sup>®</sup> (lenacapavir)

## What are the possible side effects of YEZTUGO?

This information is provided in response to your question. It is not treatment advice on how to use YEZTUGO. Please discuss this question and others you have about your medical condition or treatment with your healthcare provider.

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### The short answer<sup>1</sup>

- The **most common side effects** of YEZTUGO are **reactions at the needle site, headache, and nausea**.
- **Reactions at the needles site** are the most common reactions that happen in people who take YEZTUGO. In studies of YEZTUGO as HIV-1 PrEP (pre-exposure prophylaxis), these reactions were severe in less than 1 out of 100 people. Injecting YEZTUGO into the muscle instead of under the skin can lead to serious reactions like death of skin tissue and open sores.
- These are not all the possible side effects of YEZTUGO. Please tell your healthcare provider if you have a side effect. If you have **flu-like symptoms**, please tell them right away. **Flu-like symptoms might be a sign of recent HIV-1**.

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### Who is YEZTUGO for?<sup>1</sup>

YEZTUGO is a prescription medicine that is used for HIV-1 PrEP to reduce the chance of getting HIV-1 from sex in adults and adolescents who weigh at least 77 pounds (35 kg). HIV-1 is the virus that causes Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS).



**You must be HIV-negative before you start and while taking YEZTUGO. Do not take YEZTUGO if you already have HIV-1 or you do not know your HIV-1 status**



Talk to a healthcare provider about your chance of getting HIV and if YEZTUGO is right for you. If you do not have a healthcare provider, the PrEP Locator website (<https://www.PrEPLocator.org>) can help you find a healthcare provider in your area who has experience prescribing PrEP medications.

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## What are the possible side effects of YEZTUGO?<sup>1</sup>

The **most common side effects** of YEZTUGO are:



Reactions at the needle site



Headache



Nausea

Of the side effects listed above, **reactions at the needle site** are the most common in people who take YEZTUGO. These may include:

- a lump
- itching
- pain
- redness

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- skin hardening
- bruising
- swelling
- warmth

**Lumps or hardened skin** at the needle site usually can be felt but not seen. They may take longer than other reactions at the needle site to go away.

Sometimes, **incorrectly injecting YEZTUGO into the muscle** instead of under the skin **can lead to serious reactions** at the needle site like death of skin tissue and open sores.

These are not all the possible side effects of YEZTUGO. Tell your healthcare provider if you have any side effects.

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## What side effects were seen in the research studies of YEZTUGO?<sup>1</sup>

The two main studies of YEZTUGO are called PURPOSE 1 and PURPOSE 2. Each study compared how well YEZTUGO and other PrEP medications reduced the chance of getting HIV-1 in people at risk for HIV-1. YEZTUGO was given as injections under the skin, 2 times in a year.

In PURPOSE 1, the safety of YEZTUGO was studied in 2140 cis women without HIV. In PURPOSE 2, the safety of YEZTUGO was studied in 2183 cis men and gender diverse people without HIV.

Side effects that happened in at least 2 out of 100 people in either study were:

- reactions at the needle site
- dizziness
- headache
- vomiting
- nausea
- diarrhea

**Reactions at the needle site** were the most common of these side effects.

- 69 out of 100 people in PURPOSE 1 had reactions at the needle site.
- 83 out of 100 people in PURPOSE 2 had reactions at the needle site

- These reactions were severe in less than 1 out of 100 people.

Few people stopped YEZTUGO due to side effects.

- Less than 1 out of 100 people in PURPOSE 1 stopped YEZTUGO because of side effects.
- 1 out of 100 people in PURPOSE 2 stopped YEZTUGO because of side effects.

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## What should I do if I think I am having a side effect?<sup>1</sup>

If you are having a side effect, please talk to your healthcare provider. **You are encouraged to report side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA.**

Visit <https://www.fda.gov/safety/medwatch> or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

Tell your healthcare provider if you had a flu-like illness within the last month before starting YEZTUGO or at any time while receiving it. If you have flu-like symptoms, you could have recently become infected with HIV-1.



The symptoms of a new HIV-1 infection include: tiredness, fever, joint or muscle aches, headache, sore throat, vomiting, diarrhea, rash, night sweats, and/or enlarged lymph nodes in your neck or groin.

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## Glossary

**AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome):** most advanced stage of HIV infection.

**Cisgender man (or cis man):** a man who was considered and assigned as male at birth.

**Cisgender woman (or cis woman):** a woman who was considered and assigned as female at birth.

**Diarrhea:** frequent, loose watery stools, which can cause dehydration and may require hospitalization and treatment with intravenous fluids.

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**Headache:** a continuous pain in the head; pain in the head

**HIV (Human Immunodeficiency Virus):** HIV is a virus that attacks the body's immune system. If HIV is not treated, it can lead to AIDS (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome).

**Nausea:** feeling sick to the stomach; stomach discomfort and the sensation of wanting to vomit.

**Pre-exposure prophylaxis (PrEP):** means routinely taking prescription medicine before you're exposed to HIV to help reduce your chances of getting it.

**Side effect:** secondary unwanted effect that occurs due to drug therapy.

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## References

1. Enclosed, Gilead Sciences Inc. YEZTUGO® (lenacapavir) tablets, for oral use. YEZTUGO® (lenacapavir) injection, for subcutaneous use. U.S. Prescribing Information. Foster City, CA.

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## More information about YEZTUGO

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## Follow-Up

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Gilead Global Patient Safety ☎ 1-800-445-3235, option 3 or  
🌐 [www.gilead.com/utility/contact/report-an-adverse-event](http://www.gilead.com/utility/contact/report-an-adverse-event)

FDA MedWatch Program by ☎ 1-800-FDA-1088 or ✉ MedWatch, FDA, 5600 Fishers Ln, Rockville, MD 20852 or 🌐 [www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/medwatch](http://www.accessdata.fda.gov/scripts/medwatch)

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