I am outgoing.
I am on the go.
I am a newlywed.
I am HIV positive.

You are special, unique, and different from anyone else. And so is your path to managing HIV. When you're ready to start HIV therapy, talk to your doctor about a medication that may fit your needs and lifestyle.

In clinical studies lasting 96 weeks, patients being treated with HIV medication for the first time who took ISENTRESS plus *Truvada*:

- Had a low rate of side effects
  - The most common side effect of moderate to severe intensity (that interfered with or kept patients from performing daily activities) was trouble sleeping
  - This side effect occurred more often in patients taking ISENTRESS plus *Truvada* (4%) versus *Sustiva* plus *Truvada* (3%)
- Experienced less effect on LDL cholesterol ("bad" cholesterol)
  - Cholesterol increased an average of 7 mg/dL with ISENTRESS plus *Truvada* versus 21 mg/dL with *Sustiva* plus *Truvada*

Ask your doctor about ISENTRESS.
Not sure where to start? Visit isentress.com/questions

People taking ISENTRESS may still develop infections, including opportunistic infections or other conditions that occur with HIV infection.

Tell your doctor about all of your medical conditions, including if you have any allergies, are pregnant or plan to become pregnant, or are breast-feeding or plan to breast-feed. ISENTRESS is not recommended for use during pregnancy. Women with HIV should not breast-feed because their babies could be infected with HIV through their breast milk.

Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take, including prescription medicines like rifampin (a medicine used to treat infections such as tuberculosis), non-prescription medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

You are encouraged to report negative side effects of prescription drugs to the FDA.
Visit www.fda.gov/medwatch, or call 1-800-FDA-1088.

For more information about ISENTRESS, please read the Patient Information on the following page.

Need help paying for ISENTRESS? Call 1-866-350-9232

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Patient Information
ISENTRESS® (eye sen tris)
(raltegravir) Tablets

ISENTRESS®
raltegravir tablets

Read the patient information that comes with ISENTRESS[1] before you start taking it and each time you get a refill. There may be new information. This leaflet is a summary of the information for patients. Your doctor or pharmacist can give you additional information. This leaflet does not take the place of talking with your doctor about your medical condition or your treatment.

What is ISENTRESS?

- ISENTRESS is an anti-HIV (antiretroviral) medicine used for the treatment of HIV. The term HIV stands for Human Immunodeficiency Virus. It is the virus that causes AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome). ISENTRESS is used along with other anti-HIV medicines. ISENTRESS will NOT cure HIV infection.
- People taking ISENTRESS may still develop infections, including opportunistic infections or other conditions that happen with HIV infection.
- Stay under the care of your doctor during treatment with ISENTRESS.
- The safety and effectiveness of ISENTRESS in children has not been studied.

ISENTRESS must be used with other anti-HIV medicines.

How does ISENTRESS work?

- ISENTRESS blocks an enzyme which the virus (HIV) needs in order to make more virus. The enzyme that ISENTRESS blocks is called HIV integrase.
- When used with other anti-HIV medicines, ISENTRESS may do two things:
  1. Reduce the amount of HIV in your blood. This is called your "viral load".
  2. Increase the number of white blood cells called CD4 (T) cells.
- ISENTRESS may not have these effects in all patients.

Does ISENTRESS lower the chance of passing HIV to other people?
No. ISENTRESS does not reduce the chance of passing HIV to others through sexual contact, sharing needles, or being exposed to your blood.

- Continue to practice safer sex.
- Use latex or polyurethane condoms or other barrier methods to lower the chance of sexual contact with any body fluids. This includes semen from a man, vaginal secretions from a woman, or blood.
- Never re-use or share needles.

Ask your doctor if you have any questions about safer sex or how to prevent passing HIV to other people.

What should I tell my doctor before and during treatment with ISENTRESS?
Tell your doctor about all of your medical conditions. Include any of the following that applies to you:

- You have any allergies.
- You are pregnant or plan to become pregnant.
  - ISENTRESS is not recommended for use during pregnancy. ISENTRESS has not been studied in pregnant women. If you take ISENTRESS while you are pregnant, talk to your doctor about how you can be included in the Antiretroviral Pregnancy Registry.
- You are breast-feeding or plan to breast-feed.
  - It is recommended that HIV-infected women should not breast-feed their infants. This is because their babies could be infected with HIV through their breast milk.
  - Talk with your doctor about the best way to feed your baby.

Tell your doctor about all the medicines you take. Include the following:

- prescription medicines, including rifampin (a medicine used to treat some infections such as tuberculosis)
- non-prescription medicines
- vitamins
- herbal supplements

Know the medicines you take.

- Keep a list of your medicines. Show the list to your doctor and pharmacist when you get a new medicine.

How should I take ISENTRESS?

Take ISENTRESS exactly as your doctor has prescribed. The recommended dose is as follows:

- Take only one 400-mg tablet at a time.
- Take it twice a day.
- Take it by mouth.
- Take it with or without food.

Do not change your dose or stop taking ISENTRESS or your other anti-HIV medicines without first talking with your doctor.

IMPORTANT: Take ISENTRESS exactly as your doctor prescribed and at the right times of day because if you don't:

- The amount of virus (HIV) in your blood may increase if the medicine is stopped for even a short period of time.
- The virus may develop resistance to ISENTRESS and become harder to treat.
- Your medicines may stop working to fight HIV.
- The activity of ISENTRESS may be reduced (due to resistance).

If you fail to take ISENTRESS the way you should, here's what to do:

- If you miss a dose, take it as soon as you remember. If you do not remember until it is time for your next dose, skip the missed dose and go back to your regular schedule. Do NOT take two tablets of ISENTRESS at the same time. In other words, do NOT take a double dose.
- If you take too much ISENTRESS, call your doctor or local Poison Control Center.

Be sure to keep a supply of your anti-HIV medicines.

- When your ISENTRESS supply starts to run low, get more from your doctor or pharmacy.
- Do not wait until your medicine runs out to get more.

What are the possible side effects of ISENTRESS?

When ISENTRESS has been given with other anti-HIV drugs, side effects included:

- nausea
- headache
- tiredness
- weakness
- trouble sleeping
- stomach pain
- dizziness
- depression
- suicidal thoughts and actions

Other side effects include rash, severe skin reactions, feeling anxious, paranoia, low blood platelet count.

A condition called Immune Reconstitution Syndrome can happen in some patients with advanced HIV infection (AIDS) when combination antiretroviral treatment is started. Signs and symptoms of inflammation from opportunistic infections that a person has or had may occur as the medicines work to treat the HIV infection and help to strengthen the immune system. Call your doctor right away if you notice any signs or symptoms of an infection after starting ISENTRESS with other anti-HIV medicines.

Contact your doctor promptly if you experience unexplained muscle pain, tenderness, or weakness while taking ISENTRESS. This is because on rare occasions, muscle problems can be serious and can lead to kidney damage.

Rash occurred more often in patients taking ISENTRESS and darunavir together than with either drug separately, but was generally mild.

Tell your doctor if you have any side effects that bother you.

These are not all the side effects of ISENTRESS. For more information, ask your doctor or pharmacist.

How should I store ISENTRESS?

- Store ISENTRESS at room temperature (68 to 77°F).
- **Keep ISENTRESS and all medicines out of the reach of children.**

General information about the use of ISENTRESS

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for conditions that are not mentioned in patient information leaflets.

- Do not use ISENTRESS for a condition for which it was not prescribed.
- Do not give ISENTRESS to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them.

This leaflet gives you the most important information about ISENTRESS.

- If you would like to know more, talk with your doctor.
- You can ask your doctor or pharmacist for additional information about ISENTRESS that is written for health professionals.
- For more information go to www.ISENTRESS.com or call 1-800-622-4477.

What are the ingredients in ISENTRESS?
Active ingredient: Each film-coated tablet contains 400 mg of raltegravir.

Inactive ingredients: Microcrystalline cellulose, lactose monohydrate, calcium phosphate dibasic anhydrous, hypromellose 2208, poloxamer 407 (contains 0.01% butylated hydroxytoluene as antioxidant), sodium stearyl fumarate, magnesium stearate. In addition, the film coating contains the following inactive ingredients: polyvinyl alcohol, titanium dioxide, polyethylene glycol 3350, talc, red iron oxide and black iron oxide.

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under the gaydar ...from 18

"Don't be disgusting. What Vic and I have is a beautiful thing shared by two people in love."

"And, also four hundred dollars, that is the going rate of a man whore who makes house calls," Elizabeth said.

"How would you know?" I asked her. "I take my research very seriously as a detective, besides not all of us are as lucky as you to get freebies like you. By the way how is Colston."

"Lets not change the subject." I said wanting to get the attention off of my dating one of Rhonda Roget's stud boys.

"Cathy, you are paying this love of your life, I assume," she directed the question at Cathy.

"Yes, but he is struggling his way through school."

"School, the man is in his forties, what school is he going to?" I said laughing.

"He is going to cosmetology school, he wants to open a shop for bikini waxing. He is an artist down there if you know what I mean. Just see for yourself." And with that she opened her robe.

"Oh my god," I screamed and turned away.

"Calm down gay boy,' Elizabeth said. "Is that a profile of Abraham Lincoln. He is good, I wonder if he can do mine like a butterfly."

"I am sure that he could, he can do just about anything. One time I asked for a Bo Derek, you know with braids, so I let my hair grow down there and he…."

"That's enough," I interrupted. "So, if it is not Vic, that leaves two more left because we eliminated Renegade Robbie."

"Try Easy Bake Oven Lance next. He was not pleased when I stopped using his services. He even went as far as to threaten me by calling me a whore."

"Now that is literally the pot calling the kettle black," Elizabeth said. "You think maybe you could have told us about him earlier, so we could have started with him. Cathy, obviously your detective skills compare to your ability to keep an audience captivated for longer then a three minute song."

"Drunken bitch,' she spat back.

"Ladies, calm down, come on Elizabeth, lets get out of here and go find Easy Bake Oven Lance next. Cathy, we will let you know what we find."

We exited the room, my stomach a little queasy from the sight of Cathy's nether regions manicured to look like the profile of the sixteenth president of the United States.

As we walked in the parking garage, Elizabeth called her contact at Rhonda Roget's House. Rhonda was the madam of all these boys and was even suspicious herself with the way she had gotten Cathy hooked on using her boys. If Cathy had four boys on a string, Rhonda must have been raking in the bucks.

Elizabeth snapped shut her cell phone. "My contact at the house says, Easy Bake is on his way to a date with a regular client now. The place he was going to was just a few minutes from here, lets go."

I sighed and got into the passenger seat of Elizabeth's car. She started the engine and I noticed something on the windshield. It was a large piece of paper lodged under the wiper. She retrieved it and showed it to me. In cut out letters from different magazines it said: Stop your snooping or die!

"We must be getting close, the blackmailer is getting worried," Elizabeth said as she backed her car out and we left the garage.

"I know, maybe we should stop, I mean this could be dangerous," I said making sure my seatbelt was securely fastened.

"Look don't sissy out on me now. We are detectives now and danger is part of our line of work, so get use to it and man up. Besides how bad can this guy be, he wants Cathy's crowns and sashes. Does that sound like a butch person to you."

We drove about ten minutes to a renovated fiber mill in the warehouse district. The place had been turned to very exclusive condos now. We found a spot on the street and went to the front door. We saw the building was securely locked down with tenants having to type in their code to enter. There was a security guard if you wanted to call her that, in the front lobby. Currently she was eating a snickers bar and watching the ***Home Shopping Network***.

A woman was struggling with her grocery bags at the door. I ran to her aid smiling broadly, let me help you, I'm going to see my boyfriend on the fourth floor," I said instinctively. "This is my older sister, Ellen, I pointed to Elizabeth."

The woman smiled back and allowed us to help her inside with her bags. While I was getting the woman's purchases in a cart used by the residents, Elizabeth scanned the names on the mailboxes. While the tenant was occupied, Elizabeth whispered in my ear, "No Easy Bake Oven Lance, that must be an alias."

"Really, brilliant deduction," I rolled my eyes.

"There is a Lance Jones on the second floor."

"Lets give that a try." We said goodbye to the lady with the bags and took the fire stairs to the second level. The security guard not once looked up from her television.

"Room 202, here we are, I wonder why he is called Easy Bake Oven," Elizabeth said as she knocked on the door.

A nice looking young man answered dressed in a suit with a giant name tag saying judge on it. Before he cold speak, a voice called out from behind it. "Get rid of whoever it is I am ready for my crowning."

"I know that voice, Elizabeth said and she rushed pass the guy and ran inside the apartment. There was no one in the spacious den but the door to the bedroom to the right was ajar and she burst in the room with me right at her heels.

"You can't just barge in here," the young man said right behind me.

Once inside the bedroom, we stared at the scene before us. It was I who spoke first. "What in the gay hell is happening here."

(Remember this story is make believe, like one big Fairy Tale.)

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