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Name of your medication

Generic name — fostamatinib (FOS-tuh-MA-tih-nib)
Brand name — Tavalisse® (TA-vah-lees)

Common uses

Fostamatinib is used to treat adult patients with chronic immune thrombocytopenia (ITP).
Fostamatinib may also be used for other treatments.

Dose and schedule

Taking fostamatinib as instructed is important to allow your treatment to be as effective as possible, so here are some key points to remember.

- Your dose may vary, but the usual dose of fostamatinib is 100 milligrams (100 mg) to 150 milligrams (150 mg) to be taken by mouth twice a day.
- Fostamatinib can be taken with or without food, but at the same time each day.
- Fostamatinib should be taken whole and not crushed, cut, or dissolved. If you are unable to swallow fostamatinib, talk to your care provider or pharmacist for possible options.
- If you miss a dose of fostamatinib, **do not** take an extra dose or two doses at one time. Simply take your next dose at the regularly scheduled time.
- Be sure to write down if you miss a dose and let your care provider know about any missed doses.

Storage and handling

Handle fostamatinib with care. Just like when chemotherapy is given into the vein, this drug can be toxic, and exposure of the drug to others should be limited.

- Store fostamatinib at room temperature (68°F–77°F) in a dry location away from light.
- Keep fostamatinib out of reach of children and pets.
- Leave fostamatinib in the provided packaging until it is ready to be taken.
- Whenever possible, you should give fostamatinib to yourself and follow the steps below. If a family member, friend, or caregiver needs to give the fostamatinib to you, they also need to follow these steps.
 1. Wash hands with soap and water.
 2. Put on gloves to avoid touching the medication. (Gloves are not necessary if you give the drug to yourself.)
 3. Gently transfer the fostamatinib from its package to a small medicine or other disposable cup.
 4. Administer the medicine immediately by mouth with water.
 5. Remove gloves and do not use them for anything else.

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6. Throw gloves and medicine cup in household trash.
 7. Wash hands with soap and water.
- If a daily pill box or pill reminder is used, a separate one should be used for fostamatinib. **Do not** mix other medications into the box with fostamatinib. The person filling the box or reminder should wear gloves. (Gloves are not necessary if you are filling the box or reminder.) When empty, the box or reminder should be washed with soap and water before refilling. Be sure to wash hands with soap and water after the task is complete, whether or not gloves are worn.
 - If you have any unused fostamatinib, **do not** throw it in the trash and **do not** flush it down the sink or toilet. Talk to your care provider or pharmacist about proper disposal of fostamatinib.
 - If you are traveling, put your fostamatinib in a sealed plastic bag. Ask your pharmacist if any additional travel precautions are needed.

Handling body fluids and waste

Since fostamatinib remains in your body for several days after it is taken, some of the drug may be present in urine, stool, sweat, or vomit. Once you have started to take fostamatinib, it is important to follow the instructions below every day for as long as your treatment lasts. This will keep you, your loved ones, and the environment as safe as possible.

- Pregnant women should avoid touching anything that may be soiled with body fluids from the patient.
- Toilet and septic systems
 - You may use the same toilet, septic tank, and/or sewer that you usually use. If you have a low-flow toilet, close the lid and flush twice to ensure all waste has been discarded.
 - If the toilet or toilet seat becomes soiled with urine, stool, or vomit, clean the surfaces before other people use the toilet.
 - Wash hands with soap and water after using the toilet.
- If you need a bedpan, be sure your caregiver knows to wear gloves to assist with cleanup and to wash the bedpan with soap and water every day.
- If you do not have good control of bladder or bowels, use a disposable pad with a plastic back, a diaper, or a sheet to absorb body waste.
- Wash any skin that has been exposed to body waste or fostamatinib with soap and water.
- Linens or clothing that are soiled with body fluids or body waste should be washed separately from other linens and clothing. If you do not have a washer, place the soiled linens in a plastic bag until they can be washed.
- Wash hands with soap and water after touching linens or clothing that may be soiled with body fluids.

Drug and food interactions

- Fostamatinib has many drug interactions. Please inform your care providers of all prescription medications, over-the-counter medications, vitamins, and herbal products.
- Grapefruit or grapefruit juice may interact with fostamatinib; avoid eating or drinking this during your treatment with fostamatinib.
- Talk with your care provider or pharmacist before taking new medications or supplements, or receiving any vaccines.

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Side Effects of Fostamatinib

The common side effects that have been known to happen in more than 30% of patients taking fostamatinib are listed in the left side of this table. You **MAY NOT** experience these side effects. Options to help manage any side effects that do occur are included on the right side of this table. These should be discussed with your care provider. If you experience any side effect you cannot manage or that is not listed here, contact your care provider.

Possible Side Effect	Management
Diarrhea (loose and/or urgent bowel movements)	<p>Monitor how many bowel movements you have each day.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Drink 8–10 glasses of water or fluid each day unless your care provider has instructed you to limit your fluid intake.• Eat small, frequent meals throughout the day rather than a few large meals.• Eat bland, low-fiber foods, such as bananas, applesauce, potatoes, chicken, rice, and toast.• Avoid high-fiber foods, such as raw vegetables, raw fruits, and whole grains.• Avoid foods that cause gas, such as broccoli and beans.• Avoid lactose-containing foods, such as yogurt and milk.• Avoid spicy, fried, and greasy foods. <p>Contact your provider if any of the following occur:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The number of bowel movements you have in a day increases by 4 or more.• You feel dizzy or lightheaded. <p>Your care provider may recommend an over-the-counter medication called loperamide (Imodium®) to help with your diarrhea, but talk to your care provider before starting this medication.</p>

Serious side effects

- Fostamatinib may cause neutropenia. Neutropenia occurs when you have too few neutrophils, a type of white blood cell. Neutrophils are important for fighting illnesses caused by germs. Speak to your care team to know when you need to have blood tests done to monitor your neutrophils. Seek medical attention if you have a fever above 100.4°F.
- You may have high blood pressure while taking fostamatinib. Take your blood pressure on a regular basis and let your care team know of any large increases in blood pressure.
- Fostamatinib may be harmful to your liver. Seek medical attention if you notice yellowing of the skin or whites of your eyes, dark or brown urine, bleeding, or bruising.

If you experience ANY uncontrolled side effect, call your physician or healthcare center immediately:

(INSTITUTIONAL CONTACT INFO)

Pregnancy, sexual activity, and contraception

- Women should not become pregnant and men should not get a partner pregnant while taking fostamatinib. Men and women of childbearing age and potential should use effective contraception during therapy and for a minimum of 30 days after the last dose of fostamatinib.
- Do not breastfeed while taking fostamatinib and for 30 days after the last dose of fostamatinib.

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- Please inform your care provider if you become pregnant.
- It is safe to hug and kiss. Special precautions may be needed for sexual activity while on fostamatinib, and you are encouraged to ask your care provider.

Obtaining medication

- Talk with your care provider about the process for obtaining your fostamatinib.

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Additional resources

Product website: <https://tavalisse.com>

Product prescribing information: <https://www.tavalissehcp.com/downloads/pdf/TAVALISSE-Full-Prescribing-Information.pdf>

Product resources: <https://www.tavalisse.com/support>

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Additional instructions

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