

# PATIENT ALERT CARD (UK)

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## **IMPORTANT - ALERT CARD** **Abacavir/Lamivudine tablets** **Carry this card with you at all times**

Since Abacavir/Lamivudine contains abacavir some patients taking abacavir/lamivudine may develop a hypersensitivity reaction (serious allergic reaction) which **can be life threatening** if treatment with Abacavir/Lamivudine is continued. **CONTACT YOUR DOCTOR IMMEDIATELY for advice on whether you should stop taking Abacavir/Lamivudine if:**

- 1) you get a skin rash OR**
- 2) you get one or more symptoms from at least TWO of the following groups**
  - fever
  - shortness of breath, sore throat or cough
  - nausea or vomiting or diarrhoea or abdominal pain
  - severe tiredness or achiness or generally feeling ill

If you have discontinued Abacavir/Lamivudine due to this reaction, **YOU MUST NEVER TAKE** Abacavir/Lamivudine or any medicine containing Abacavir (e.g. abacavir, abacavir/lamivudine/zidovudine or abacavir/dolutegravir/lamivudine) again, as **within hours** you may experience a life-threatening lowering of your blood pressure or death.

**(see reverse of card)**

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You should immediately contact your doctor or healthcare provider if you think you are having a hypersensitivity reaction to Abacavir/Lamivudine.

Write your doctor's details below:

Doctor:.....

Tel:.....

**If your doctor or healthcare provider is not available, you must urgently seek alternative medical advice (e.g. the emergency unit of the nearest hospital).**

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