

**Table 15: Tenofovir Disoproxil Fumarate (TDF) and Tenofovir Alafenamide (TAF) Interactions** (also see prescribing information)

| Class or Drug                                                                                             | Mechanism of Action                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    | Clinical Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
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| Adefovir<br>[Jafari, et al. 2014]                                                                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Adefovir and tenofovir have similar mechanisms of action and elimination as well as overlapping adverse effect profiles.</li> <li>Competitive inhibition of elimination results in additive adverse effects.</li> </ul>                                                                         | Avoid concomitant use to avoid increased risk of hepatic steatosis, lactic acidosis, and potential renal failure.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Other nephrotoxic agents<br>[Jafari, et al. 2014]                                                         | Competitive inhibition of elimination results in additive adverse effects.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>TDF:</b> Avoid concomitant use or use the lowest effective dose of another medication to avoid renal impairment and kidney dysfunction.</li> <li><b>TAF:</b> Using TAF in these instances may be preferable because TAF is less nephrotoxic.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                   |
| Sofosbuvir/velpatasvir/voxiaprevir [brand name Vosevi]<br>[Garrison, et al. 2017]                         | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>TDF and TAF are substrates for BCRP and P-gP.</li> <li>Voxilaprevir is a BCRP inhibitor.</li> <li>Velpatasvir inhibits BCRP and P-gP.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>TDF:</b> Avoid concomitant use if possible to avoid TDF-associated adverse effects.</li> <li><b>TAF:</b> Using TAF in these instances may be preferable.</li> </ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Potent CYP3A4 or P-gP inducers (phenytoin, carbamazepine, St. John's wort, etc.)<br>[Gibson, et al. 2016] | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>CYP3A4 is a minor metabolic pathway for TAF, and as such, potent inducers of this enzyme may modestly reduce concentrations.</li> <li>TAF is also a P-gP substrate, and inducers may decrease TAF concentrations.</li> </ul>                                                                    | <b>TAF:</b> Avoid coadministration of TAF with potent inducers of CYP3A4 or P-gP.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| Rifampin, rifabutin, rifapentine                                                                          | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Rifabutin:</b> CYP3A and P-gP induction is expected to decrease TAF levels.</li> <li><b>Rifampin, rifapentine:</b> CYP3A induction may reduce TAF concentrations.</li> <li><b>Rifampin, rifabutin, rifapentine:</b> No clinically significant interactions with TDF are expected.</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>TAF:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Rifampin:</b> Do not coadminister with TAF; consider TDF as alternative.</li> <li><b>Rifabutin, rifapentine:</b> Do not coadminister with TAF unless benefit outweighs risk; monitor closely for virologic response.</li> </ul> </li> <li><b>TDF + rifampin, rifabutin, rifapentine:</b> No dose adjustments are necessary.</li> </ul> |
| Zonisamide                                                                                                | TDF may increase concentration of zonisamide.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>TDF:</b> When using with TDF, monitor for adverse effects.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       |
| Topiramate                                                                                                | No significant interactions reported.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>TDF:</b> When using with TDF, monitor renal function (topiramate may cause kidney stones; TDF is associated with renal toxicity).                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Mpox treatments                                                                                           | <b>Cidofovir</b> is eliminated via glomerular filtration and active renal secretion by OAT1 and OAT3.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | <b>Cidofovir:</b> Avoid coadministration with nephrotoxic agents. Consider use of TAF in place of TDF and monitor for renal-related adverse effects.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |

**Abbreviations:** BCRP, breast cancer resistance protein; CYP, cytochrome P450; OAT, organic anion transporter; P-gP, P-glycoprotein; VIGIV, vaccinia immune globulin intravenous.  
**No significant interactions/no dose adjustments necessary** (see guideline section [Drug-Drug Interactions by Common Medication Class](#)): Common oral antibiotics; antihypertensive medications; anticoagulants; antiplatelet medications; statins; antidiabetic medications; acid-reducing agents; polyvalent cations; asthma and allergy medications; long-acting beta agonists; inhaled and injected corticosteroids; antidepressants; benzodiazepines; sleep medications; antipsychotics; nonopioid pain medications; opioid analgesics and tramadol; hormonal

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| contraceptives; erectile and sexual dysfunction agents; alpha-adrenergic antagonists for benign prostatic hyperplasia; tobacco and smoking cessation products; alcohol, disulfiram, and acamprosate; methadone, buprenorphine, naloxone, and naltrexone; immunosuppressants; COVID-19 therapeutics; gender-affirming hormones; ADHD medications and lithium. |                     |                   |

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