

PROFESSION SPECIFIC INFORMATION

Dental practitioners' formulary

- With oral use Aciclovir Tablets 200 mg or 800 mg may be prescribed. Aciclovir Oral Suspension 200 mg/5ml may be prescribed.

MEDICINAL FORMS There can be variation in the licensing of different medicines containing the same drug.

Tablet

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Aciclovir (Non-proprietary)

- Aciclovir 200 mg** Aciclovir 200mg tablets | 25 tablet [PoM](#) £2.03 DT = £1.40
- Aciclovir 400 mg** Aciclovir 400mg tablets | 56 tablet [PoM](#) £4.62 DT = £2.94
- Aciclovir 800 mg** Aciclovir 800mg tablets | 35 tablet [PoM](#) £6.41 DT = £4.13

Dispersible tablet

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Aciclovir (Non-proprietary)

- Aciclovir 200 mg** Aciclovir 200mg dispersible tablets | 25 tablet [PoM](#) £1.47 DT = £1.47
- Aciclovir 400 mg** Aciclovir 400mg dispersible tablets | 56 tablet [PoM](#) £11.99 DT = £11.99
- Aciclovir 800 mg** Aciclovir 800mg dispersible tablets | 35 tablet [PoM](#) £10.99 DT = £10.99
- Zovirax** (GlaxoSmithKline UK Ltd)
 - Aciclovir 200 mg** Zovirax 200mg dispersible tablets | 25 tablet [PoM](#) £2.85 DT = £1.47
 - Aciclovir 800 mg** Zovirax 800mg dispersible tablets | 35 tablet [PoM](#) £10.50 DT = £10.99

Oral suspension

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Aciclovir (Non-proprietary)

- Aciclovir 40 mg per 1 ml** Aciclovir 200mg/5ml oral suspension sugar-free | 125 ml [PoM](#) £35.78 DT = £35.78
- Aciclovir 80 mg per 1 ml** Aciclovir 400mg/5ml oral suspension sugar-free | 100 ml [PoM](#) £39.49 DT = £39.49
- Zovirax** (GlaxoSmithKline UK Ltd)
 - Aciclovir 40 mg per 1 ml** Zovirax 200mg/5ml oral suspension sugar-free | 125 ml [PoM](#) £29.56 DT = £35.78
 - Aciclovir 80 mg per 1 ml** Zovirax Double Strength 400mg/5ml oral suspension sugar-free | 100 ml [PoM](#) £33.02 DT = £39.49

Solution for infusion

ELECTROLYTES: May contain Sodium

Aciclovir (Non-proprietary)

- Aciclovir (as Aciclovir sodium) 25 mg per 1 ml** Aciclovir 1g/40ml solution for infusion vials | 1 vial [PoM](#) £40.00 (Hospital only)
- Aciclovir 250mg/10ml concentrate for solution for infusion vials | 5 vial [PoM](#) £50.00 (Hospital only) | 5 vial [PoM](#) £30.00-£40.00
- Aciclovir 500mg/20ml solution for infusion vials | 5 vial [PoM](#) £100.00 (Hospital only) | 5 vial [PoM](#) £50.00
- Aciclovir 500mg/20ml concentrate for solution for infusion vials | 5 vial [PoM](#) £40.00 (Hospital only)

Powder for solution for infusion

ELECTROLYTES: May contain Sodium

Aciclovir (Non-proprietary)

- Aciclovir (as Aciclovir sodium) 250 mg** Aciclovir 250mg powder for solution for infusion vials | 5 vial [PoM](#) £16.50 (Hospital only)
- Aciclovir 250mg powder for solution for infusion vials | 5 vial [PoM](#) £49.30 | 10 vial [PoM](#) £91.30 (Hospital only)
- Aciclovir (as Aciclovir sodium) 500 mg** Aciclovir 500mg powder for solution for infusion vials | 10 vial [PoM](#) £182.00 (Hospital only)
- Zovirax I.V.** (GlaxoSmithKline UK Ltd)
 - Aciclovir (as Aciclovir sodium) 250 mg** Zovirax I.V. 250mg powder for solution for infusion vials | 5 vial [PoM](#) £16.70
 - Aciclovir (as Aciclovir sodium) 500 mg** Zovirax I.V. 500mg powder for solution for infusion vials | 5 vial [PoM](#) £17.00

Famciclovir

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INDICATIONS AND DOSE

Herpes zoster infection, treatment

- BY MOUTH
- Adult: 500 mg 3 times a day for 7 days, alternatively 750 mg 1–2 times a day for 7 days

Herpes zoster infection, treatment in immunocompromised patients

- BY MOUTH
- Adult: 500 mg 3 times a day for 10 days, continue for 2 days after crusting of lesions

Genital herpes, suppression

- BY MOUTH
- Adult: 250 mg twice daily, therapy to be interrupted every 6–12 months to reassess recurrence frequency—consider restarting after two or more recurrences

Genital herpes, suppression in immunocompromised or HIV-positive patients

- BY MOUTH
- Adult: 500 mg twice daily, therapy to be interrupted every 6–12 months to reassess recurrence frequency—consider restarting after two or more recurrences

Genital herpes infection, treatment of first episode

- BY MOUTH
- Adult: 250 mg 3 times a day for 5 days or longer if new lesions appear during treatment or if healing incomplete

Genital herpes infection, treatment of first episode in immunocompromised or HIV-positive patients

- BY MOUTH
- Adult: 500 mg twice daily for 10 days

Genital herpes infection, treatment of recurrent infection

- BY MOUTH
- Adult: 125 mg twice daily for 5 days, alternatively 1 g twice daily for 1 day

Genital herpes infection, treatment of recurrent infections in immunocompromised or HIV-positive patients

- BY MOUTH
- Adult: 500 mg twice daily for 5–10 days

Herpes simplex infection (non-genital), treatment in immunocompromised patients

- BY MOUTH
- Adult: 500 mg twice daily for 7 days

- UNLICENSED USE** Famciclovir doses in BNF may differ from those in product literature.
- SIDE-EFFECTS**
 - Common or very common** Abdominal pain · diarrhoea · dizziness · headache · nausea · skin reactions · vomiting
 - Uncommon** Angioedema · confusion · drowsiness
 - Rare or very rare** Hallucination · jaundice cholestatic · palpitations · thrombocytopenia
- PREGNANCY** Manufacturers advise avoid unless potential benefit outweighs risk.
- BREAST FEEDING** No information available—present in milk in *animal* studies.
- HEPATIC IMPAIRMENT** Manufacturer advises efficacy may be decreased in severe impairment (risk of impaired conversion to active metabolite, no information available).
- RENAL IMPAIRMENT**
 - Dose adjustments** Reduce dose; consult product literature.
- PRESCRIBING AND DISPENSING INFORMATION** Famciclovir is a pro-drug of penciclovir.
- MEDICINAL FORMS** There can be variation in the licensing of different medicines containing the same drug. Forms available from special-order manufacturers include: tablet

Tablet

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Famciclovir (Non-proprietary)

- Famciclovir 125 mg** Famciclovir 125mg tablets | 10 tablet [PoM](#) £65.42 DT = £65.42
- Famciclovir 250 mg** Famciclovir 250mg tablets | 15 tablet [PoM](#) £110.59-£132.80 | 21 tablet [PoM](#) £184.50 DT = £183.28 | 56 tablet [PoM](#) £412.85-£495.78