

- **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] £1.25 DT = £1.03

Aciclovir 400 mg Aciclovir 400mg tablets | 56 tablet [PoM] £3.30 DT = £2.42

Aciclovir 800 mg Aciclovir 800mg tablets | 35 tablet [PoM] £4.35 DT = £3.25

Dispersible tablet

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▶ **Aciclovir (Non-proprietary)**

Aciclovir 200 mg Aciclovir 200mg dispersible tablets | 25 tablet [PoM] £1.05 DT = £1.01

Aciclovir 400 mg Aciclovir 400mg dispersible tablets | 56 tablet [PoM] £11.98 DT = £11.98

Aciclovir 800 mg Aciclovir 800mg dispersible tablets | 35 tablet [PoM] £10.98 DT = £10.98

▶ **Zovirax (GlaxoSmithKline UK Ltd)**

Aciclovir 200 mg Zovirax 200mg dispersible tablets | 25 tablet [PoM] £2.85 DT = £1.01

Aciclovir 800 mg Zovirax 800mg dispersible tablets | 35 tablet [PoM] £10.50 DT = £10.98

Oral suspension

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▶ **Aciclovir (Non-proprietary)**

Aciclovir 40 mg per 1 ml Aciclovir 200mg/5ml oral suspension sugar free sugar-free | 125 ml [PoM] £35.76 DT = £35.76

Aciclovir 80 mg per 1 ml Aciclovir 400mg/5ml oral suspension sugar free sugar-free | 100 ml [PoM] £39.47 DT = £39.47

▶ **Zovirax (GlaxoSmithKline UK Ltd)**

Aciclovir 40 mg per 1 ml Zovirax 200mg/5ml oral suspension sugar-free | 125 ml [PoM] £29.56 DT = £35.76

Aciclovir 80 mg per 1 ml Zovirax Double Strength 400mg/5ml oral suspension sugar-free | 100 ml [PoM] £33.02 DT = £39.47

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

Herpes simplex, treatment of first infective episode▶ **BY MOUTH**

▶ Child 12–17 years: 500 mg twice daily for 5 days (longer if new lesions appear during treatment or healing is incomplete)

Herpes simplex infections treatment of first episode in immunocompromised or HIV-positive patients▶ **BY MOUTH**

▶ Child 12–17 years: 1 g twice daily for 10 days

Herpes simplex, treatment of recurrent infections▶ **BY MOUTH**

▶ Child 12–17 years: 500 mg twice daily for 3–5 days

Treatment of recurrent herpes simplex infections in immunocompromised or HIV-positive patients▶ **BY MOUTH**

▶ Child 12–17 years: 1 g twice daily for 5–10 days

Herpes labialis treatment▶ **BY MOUTH**

▶ Child 12–17 years: Initially 2 g, then 2 g after 12 hours

Herpes simplex, suppression of infections▶ **BY MOUTH**

▶ Child 12–17 years: 500 mg daily in 1–2 divided doses, therapy to be interrupted every 6–12 months to reassess recurrence frequency—consider restarting after two or more recurrences

Herpes simplex, suppression of infections in immunocompromised or HIV-positive patients▶ **BY MOUTH**

▶ Child 12–17 years: 500 mg twice daily, therapy to be interrupted every 6–12 months to reassess recurrence frequency—consider restarting after two or more recurrences

Prevention of cytomegalovirus disease following solid organ transplantation when valganciclovir or ganciclovir cannot be used▶ **BY MOUTH**

▶ Child 12–17 years: 2 g 4 times a day usually for 90 days, preferably starting within 72 hours of transplantation

UNLICENSED USE Not licensed for treatment of herpes zoster in children. Not licensed for treatment or suppression of herpes simplex infection in immunocompromised or HIV-positive children.**CAUTIONS** Maintain adequate hydration (especially with high doses)**INTERACTIONS** → Appendix 1: valganciclovir**SIDE-EFFECTS**

▶ **Common or very common** Diarrhoea · dizziness · headache · nausea · photosensitivity reaction · skin reactions · vomiting

▶ **Uncommon** Abdominal discomfort · agitation · confusion · dyspnoea · haematuria · hallucination · leucopenia · level of consciousness decreased · renal pain · thrombocytopenia · tremor

▶ **Rare or very rare** Angioedema · ataxia · coma · delirium · dysarthria · encephalopathy · nephrolithiasis · psychosis · renal impairment · seizure

▶ **Frequency not known** Microangiopathic haemolytic anaemia

SIDE-EFFECTS, FURTHER INFORMATION Neurological reactions more frequent with higher doses.

▶ **PREGNANCY** Not known to be harmful—manufacturers advise use only when potential benefit outweighs risk.

▶ **BREAST FEEDING** Significant amount in milk after systemic administration—not known to be harmful but manufacturer advises caution.

▶ **HEPATIC IMPAIRMENT** Manufacturer advises caution with doses of 4 g or more per day (no information available).

▶ **RENAL IMPAIRMENT** Maintain adequate hydration.

Valaciclovir**INDICATIONS AND DOSE****Herpes zoster infection, treatment in immunocompromised patients**▶ **BY MOUTH**

▶ Child 12–17 years: 1 g 3 times a day for at least 7 days and continued for 2 days after crusting of lesions