

ZORAXIN SUSPENSION

Acyclovir (200mg/5ml)

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What ZORAXIN is used for

ZORAXIN is used to treat or prevent herpes simplex infections (cold sores) of the skin and mucous membranes e.g. genital herpes. It also prevents herpes simplex infections in patients whose immune system is not working properly.

ZORAXIN can also be used to treat shingles (herpes zoster infection).

Your doctor may have prescribed ZORAXIN for another reason. Ask your doctor if you have any questions about why ZORAXIN has been prescribed for you.

How ZORAXIN works

ZORAXIN contains of the active ingredient acyclovir.

Acyclovir is an antiviral medicine, which works by stopping the production of virus. It helps in reducing the severity and duration of cold sores/shingles symptoms but does not get rid of the virus from your body.

Before you use ZORAXIN

- When you must not use it

Do not use ZORAXIN if you are allergic to acyclovir or any of the ingredients listed at the end of this leaflet.

Do not use this medicine after the expiry date printed on the pack or if the packaging is torn or shows signs of tampering.

If it has expired or is damaged, return it to your pharmacist for disposal.

If you are not sure whether you should start using this medicine, talk to your doctor.

- Before you start to use it

Tell your doctor if you have any allergies to any other medicines, foods or preservatives.

Tell your doctor if you are pregnant or are breast-feeding. There is limited information on the use of ZORAXIN in pregnancy or breast-feeding. Your doctor will discuss with you the risks and benefits involved.

Tell your doctor if you have or have had any medical conditions, including:

- Nervous system problems
- Kidney problems
- Liver problem
- Electrolyte imbalance in the body

If you have not told your doctor about any of the above, tell him/her before you start taking ZORAXIN.

- Taking other medicines

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking any other medicines, including any that you get without a prescription from your pharmacy, supermarket or health food shop.

Some medicines and ZORAXIN may interfere with each other. These include:

- Probenecid, which is used to treat gout

You may need different amounts of your medicines, or you may need to take different medicines.

Your doctor and pharmacist have more information on medicines to be careful with or avoid while taking this medicine.

How to use ZORAXIN

Follow all directions given to you by your doctor and pharmacist carefully.

These directions may differ from the information contained in this leaflet.

If you do not understand the instructions on the pack, ask your doctor or pharmacist for help.

- How much to use

Herpes simplex infection

Adults

- Treatment: 200mg 5 times a day at 4 hourly intervals for 5 days
- Prevention: 200mg 4 times a day at 6 hourly intervals
- Patients with severely impaired kidney function:

200mg twice a day at 12 hourly intervals

If your immune system is severely impaired or you have impaired absorption from the gut, your doctor may increase the dose of ZORAXIN.

Herpes zoster infection (shingles)

Adults

- Treatment: 800mg 5 times a day at 4 hourly intervals for 7 days
- Treatment in patients with moderately impaired kidney function: 800mg 3 times a day at 8 hourly intervals
- Treatment in patients with severely impaired kidney function: 800mg twice a day at 12 hourly intervals

Elderly

Dosage may be reduced in the elderly, especially in those whose kidneys are not working properly.

Immune-compromised children

- Treatment:

- 2 years and over - adult dose
- under 2 years (with the weight of ≥ 5 kg) - half the adult dose

It is important to drink plenty of water whilst taking ZORAXIN to avoid dehydration, especially if you are elderly or taking high doses ZORAXIN.

- When to use it

Take ZORAXIN as your doctor has prescribed.

- How long to use it

Continue taking ZORAXIN until you finish the pack or as your doctor recommends.

- If you forget to use it

If it is almost time for your next dose, skip the dose you missed and take your next dose when you are meant to.

Otherwise, take it as soon as you remember, and then go back to taking your tablets as you would normally.

Do not take a double dose to make up for the dose that you missed.

If you have trouble remembering to take your medicine, ask your pharmacist for some hints.

- If you use too much (overdose)

Immediately telephone your doctor for advice or go to Accident and Emergency (Casualty) at your nearest hospital if you think that you or anyone else may have taken too much ZORAXIN.

Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning.

You may need urgent medical attention.

While you are using it

- Things you must do

Tell all the doctors, dentists and pharmacists who are treating you that you are taking ZORAXIN.

If you become pregnant while you are taking ZORAXIN tell your doctor immediately.

If you are about to start taking any new medicine tell your doctor and pharmacist that you are taking ZORAXIN.

- Things you must not do

Do not take ZORAXIN to treat any other complaints unless your doctor tells you to.

Do not give your medicine to anyone else, even if they have the same condition as you.

- Things to be careful of

Be careful driving or operating machinery until you know how ZORAXIN affects you.

Side effects

All medicines can have side effects. Sometimes they are serious, most of the time they are not.

Ask for the advice of your doctor or pharmacist if you have any concerns about the effects of taking this medicine.

Do not be alarmed by the following lists of side effects. You may not experience any of them.

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice any of the following and they worry you:

- Headache
- Nausea
- Vomiting
- Stomach and intestinal disturbances

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you notice anything else that is making you feel unwell. Other side effects not listed above may also occur in some people.

You may report any side effects or adverse drug reactions directly to the National Centre for Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring by visiting the website npra.gov.my (Consumers → Reporting Side Effects to Medicines (ConSERF) or Vaccines (AEFI)).

Storage and Disposal of ZORAXIN

- Storage

Keep your medicine in its original packaging until it is time to take them.

If you take the tablets out of the pack, they may not keep well.

Keep your medicine in a place where the temperature will stay below 30°C. Protect from light.

Do not store your medicine, or any other medicine, in the bathroom or near a sink.

Do not leave it on a window sill or in the car.

Heat and dampness can destroy some medicines.

Keep it where children cannot reach it.

A locked cupboard at least one and a half metres above the ground is a good place to store medicines.

- Disposal

If your doctor or pharmacist tells you to stop taking this medicine or it has passed its expiry date, ask your pharmacist what to do with any medicine that is left over.

Product Description

- What it looks like

A yellow suspension.

- Ingredients

Active ingredient:
Each 5ml suspension contains Acyclovir 200mg.

Inactive ingredients:

- Xanthan gum
- Methyl Paraben
- Propyl Paraben

- Sorbitol 70% Solution - NC
- Saccharin sodium
- Propylen glycol
- Strawberry Essence
- Raspberry Liquid
- Trisodium citrate dihydrate
- Citric acid anhydrous
- Quinoline Yellow-Ariavit
- Purified Water

- MAL numbers

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Manufacturer

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Product Registration

Holder

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