

Acyclovir STADA Cream

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What Acyclovir STADA Cream is used for

Acyclovir STADA Cream is a medicine for the treatment of viral infections (antiviral agent). It is used for the treatment of herpes simplex virus infection of the skin including initial and recurrent genital herpes labialis.

How Acyclovir STADA Cream works

Acyclovir is an antiviral medicine, which acts on infected cells by stopping the virus growing.

Before you use Acyclovir STADA Cream

When you must not use it

- If you are allergic (hypersensitive) to acyclovir, or any of the other ingredients of Acyclovir STADA cream.

Before you start to use it

- Please discuss with your doctor or pharmacist before using Acyclovir STADA Cream.
- The situations described here relate to certain conditions in which Acyclovir STADA Cream should be used only with particular caution. Discuss with your doctor, also if any of these

conditions applied to you previously. Be sure to inform your doctor before starting therapy if you are severely immunocompromised (i.e. if your body's immune system is severely impaired).

Taking other medicine

- No interactions with other drugs are known to date.

How to use Acyclovir STADA Cream

How much to use

- The instructions given below apply unless your doctor has prescribed Acyclovir STADA Cream otherwise for you.
- Please comply with these and/or your doctor's instructions for effective and safe Acyclovir STADA Cream therapy.
- Apply a thin film of cream to infected skin areas 5 times daily every 4 hours.
- As you apply Acyclovir STADA Cream, be sure to cover not only the areas with visible signs of herpes infection (vesicles, swelling, reddening) but adjacent areas as well.

When to use it

- For best response, Acyclovir STADA Cream therapy should be started as early as possible, i.e. as soon as you notice the first signs of herpes (burning, itching, discomfort, reddening).

How long to use it

- Your doctor will determine for how long you should continue Acyclovir STADA Cream therapy. Treatment is usually continued for 5 days but therapy should be individualized and continued until vesicular crusting or healing has been achieved. However, the duration of therapy should not exceed 10 days.

If you forget to use it

- Continue therapy as prescribed (so do not apply the cream more often and do not apply a thicker film or cream).

If you use too much (overdose)

- Overdose is unlikely to occur, if the cream is applied locally as indicated. There are no reports concerning an overdose of Acyclovir STADA Cream.

While you are using Acyclovir STADA Cream

Things you must do

- Always use Acyclovir STADA Cream exactly as your doctor or pharmacist has told you. You should check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.
- Should you be applying Acyclovir STADA Cream with your hand(s), be sure to wash these thoroughly both before and after cream application to prevent additional infection of the compromised skin area(s) (with bacteria etc.) and/or viral carry over to other, as yet uninfected mucosal or skin areas.

Things you must not do

- Do not apply Acyclovir STADA Cream to mucous membranes (e.g. oral cavity, eye or vagina) to avoid local irritation.
- Do not use this product after the expiry date.

Things to be careful of

- When using Acyclovir STADA Cream in the genital or anal region and a latex condom at the same time, the condom's resistance to tear may be reduced by the paraffin and petroleum jelly contained in Acyclovir STADA Cream, compromising condom reliability.

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Side effects

- Should you experience any adverse effects not described in this Insert, please be sure to inform your doctor or pharmacist.
- Application of Acyclovir STADA Cream may produce transient burning or stinging of the treated skin areas. Reddening, drying and scaling of Acyclovir STADA Cream-treated skin have occasionally been observed.

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)]

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Storage and Disposal of Acyclovir STADA Cream

Storage

- Do not use this product after 12 months after opening.
- Do not store above 30°C.

Disposal

- Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required. These measures will help to protect the environment.

Product Description

What it looks like

- Acyclovir STADA Cream is white to off-white homogenous cream.
- It is available in pack of 2g and 5g.

Ingredients

- Active ingredient:
The active substance is acyclovir.
- Inactive ingredient:
Stearyl macroglycerides,
Dimeticone, Cetyl alcohol, Liquid paraffin, White soft paraffin, Propylene glycol, Purified water