

Acyclovir 200 STADA

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What Acyclovir 200 STADA is used for

Acyclovir 200 STADA is a medicine for the treatment of viral infections (antiviral agent). Acyclovir is used for Herpes simplex virus infections, genital herpes of the skin and mucous in particular (primary and frequently recurring genital herpes). Recurrence prevention is indicated for adults with very severe forms of very frequently recurring genital herpes simplex virus infection.

How Acyclovir 200 STADA works

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

Before you use Acyclovir 200 STADA

When you must not take it

- If you are allergic (hypersensitive) to medications containing acyclovir or valacyclovir, or any of the other ingredients of Acyclovir 200 STADA.
- If your kidney function is impaired or your urinary output is reduced to less than 100ml of urine per 24 hours, you should not use Acyclovir 200 STADA for prevention because no data are available on the use of Acyclovir 200 STADA in these conditions.
- Acyclovir has been detected in breast milk following administration of acyclovir

products. Breast-feeding is therefore discouraged while taking Acyclovir 200 Stada.

Before you start to take it

- Please discuss with your doctor or pharmacist before taking Acyclovir 200 Stada.

Taking other medicine

- Please tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking or have recently taken any other medicines, including medicines obtained without a prescription. Probenecid (uricosuric drug for gout) reduces acyclovir excretion via the kidneys, which may increase acyclovir persistence in the body.

How to take Acyclovir 200 STADA

How much to take

- The instructions given below apply unless your doctor has prescribed Acyclovir 200 Stada otherwise for you.

- Adults:
Herpes simplex virus infections:
Take 1 tablet (200mg of acyclovir) 5 times daily every 4 hours during the day.

Prophylaxis of severe forms and very frequently recurring genital herpes simplex virus infections:
Immunocompetent patients take 1 tablet (200mg of acyclovir) 4 times daily every 6 hours.

Some patients may achieve effective prophylaxis with 1 tablet (200mg of acyclovir) 3 times daily every 8 hours or 1 tablet (200mg of acyclovir) twice daily every 12 hours.

Immunocompromised patients take a prophylactic dosage of 1 tablet (200mg of acyclovir) 4 times daily every 6 hours.

Severely immunocompromised patients, for example following organ transplants, may need 2

tablets (400mg of acyclovir) 4 times daily every 6 hours.

- Children:

For the treatment of herpes simplex virus infection, children over 2 years old receive the adult dosage and those under 2 half the adult dosage. Patients with kidney function impairment, which is particularly prevalent in elderly patients, may need a lower acyclovir dose than indicated above. If you should have kidney problems, your doctor will adjust your dosage to reflect your kidney function.

When to take it

- Swallow the tablets whole with a sufficient amount of liquid (eg. A glass of water) after meals. An adequate fluid intake must be ensured during Acyclovir 200 Stada therapy, especially in patients with impaired kidney function.

For best response, Acyclovir 200 Stada therapy should be started as early as possible, ie. As soon as you notice the first signs or symptoms of infection appear. Especially with recurrent herpes simplex virus infection, Acyclovir 200 Stada should be started on the first prodromes (eg itching, burning/discomfort, early vesicles).

How long to take it

- Your doctor will determine for how long you should continue Acyclovir 200 Stada therapy. In herpes simplex virus infections, Acyclovir 200 Stada therapy will usually be continued for 5 days, but the patient's clinical conditions may call for longer treatment.

If you forget to take it

- Do not take a double dose to make up for a forgotten dose. Continue your treatment as prescribed. If you have forgotten several doses, or if you have not been taking enough Acyclovir 200 Stada, please consult your doctor.

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If you take too much (overdose)

- Intoxication is unlikely after an Acyclovir 200 Stada overdose. A single dose of 5g of acyclovir produced no signs or symptoms of intoxication. However, no data are available for higher single (over) doses. If you suspect an overdose, should experience pronounced side effects or are in doubt, be sure to discuss with your doctor any concerns you may have. Acyclovir is effectively eliminated by haemodialysis.

While you are using Acyclovir 200 STADA

Things you must do

- Always take Acyclovir 200 Stada exactly as your doctor or pharmacist has told you. You should check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

Things you must not do

Please do not:

- 1) Take any other medicines on your own.
- 2) Take probenecid concurrently.

Things to be careful of

- Acyclovir has been detected in breast milk following administration of acyclovir products. Breast-feeding is therefore discouraged while taking Acyclovir 200 Stada.

Side effects

Like all medicines, Acyclovir tablets can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

Common side effects are:

- Dizziness
- Skin rashes
- Nausea
- Diarrhea
- Abdominal pain

Should you experience any adverse effects not described in this Insert, please be sure to inform your doctor or pharmacist.

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

Storage and Disposal of Acyclovir 200 STADA

Storage

- Keep out of the reach and sight of children.
- 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 200 STADA is round, white, biconvex tablet, imprint with VS 1.
- It is available in pack of 25's.

Ingredients

- Active ingredient:
The active substance is acyclovir.
- Inactive ingredient:
The other ingredients are Colloidal anhydrous silica, Copolyvidone, Microcrystalline Cellulose, Magnesium Stearate, Sodium Starch Glycollate
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