

Acyclovir 400 STADA

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What Acyclovir 400 STADA is used for

Acyclovir 400 STADA is a medicine for the treatment of viral infections (antiviral agent). Acyclovir is used for Shingles (herpes zoster) and prevention of severe cases simplex infection in severely immunocompromised adult patients exposed to an elevated risk of infection, for example following organ transplants.

How Acyclovir 400 STADA works

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

Before you use Acyclovir 400 STAD

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 400 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 400 STADA for prevention because no data are available on the use of Acyclovir 400 STADA in these conditions.
- Acyclovir has been detected in breast milk following administration of acyclovir products. Breast-feeding is therefore discouraged while

taking Acyclovir 400 Stada.

Before you start to take it

- Please discuss with your doctor or pharmacist before taking Acyclovir 400 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 400 STADA

How much to take

- The instructions given below apply unless your doctor has prescribed Acyclovir 400 Stada otherwise for you.

- Adults:
Shingles (herpes zoster): Take 2 tablet (800mg) of acyclovir 5 times daily every 4 hours during the day. Prevention of herpes simplex virus infection in certain circumstances:
One tablet (400mg) of acyclovir can be taken 4 times daily every 6 hours for prevention of severe cases of herpes simplex infection in severely immunocompromised patients exposed to an elevated risk of infection, for example following organ transplants.
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 400 Stada therapy, especially in patients with impaired kidney function.

For best response, Acyclovir 400 Stada therapy should be started as early as possible, ie. As soon as you notice the first signs on your skin.

How long to take it

- Your doctor will determine for how long you should continue Acyclovir 400 Stada therapy. The duration of therapy of herpes zoster is 7 days.

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 400 Stada, please consult your doctor.

If you take too much (overdose)

- Intoxication is unlikely after an Acyclovir 400 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 400 STADA

Things you must do

- Always take Acyclovir 400 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.

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- 2) Take probenecid concurrently.

Things to be careful of

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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 npra.gov.my [Consumers → Reporting Side Effects to Medicines (ConSERF) or Vaccines (AEFI)]

Storage and Disposal of Acyclovir 400 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 400 STADA is round, white, biconvex tablet, imprint with VS 2.
- It is available in pack of 35'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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