

VIREST 400MG TABLET

Aciclovir (400mg)

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What Virest 400mg Tablet is used for

Virest 400mg Tablet contains a medicine called aciclovir. Virest 400mg Tablet is used for treatment of viral infections due to herpes simplex virus (type 1 & 2) and varicella-zoster virus (zoster & chickenpox).

How Virest 400mg Tablet works

Aciclovir belongs to a group of medicine called antivirals. It works by killing or stopping the growth of viruses.

Before you use Virest 400mg Tablet

- When you must not use it

- Do not take this medicine if you are hypersensitive to aciclovir or ganciclovir.
- Do not take this medicine after the expiry date printed on the pack or if the packaging is damaged.

Pregnancy and lactation

Do not take Virest 400mg Tablet if you are pregnant, trying to get pregnant or think you may be pregnant.

Do not take Virest 400mg Tablet if you are breast-feeding. Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before taking any medicine.

- Before you start use it

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if:

- If you are an individual with impaired kidney function.
- If you are an individual patient with neurological abnormalities.

- If you are a woman with herpes genitalis

- Taking other medicines

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

Before you take this product, make sure that you tell your doctor or pharmacist about any other medicines you might be using at the same time, particularly probenecid (used to treat gout) as it alters the concentration of Aciclovir in blood.

How to use Virest 400mg Tablet

- How much to use

Adults

Genital herpes infection

Initial therapy: Oral, 200 mg 5 times a day for 10 days.

Intermittent therapy: Oral, 200 mg 5 times a day for 5 days.

Chronic suppressive therapy: Oral, 400 mg twice a day; or 200 mg 2 to 5 times a day.

Herpes zoster

Oral, 800 mg 5 times a day for 7 to 10 days.

Varicella

Oral, 20 mg per kg of body weight, up to 800 mg per dose, 4 times a day for 5 days. Treatment should be initiated at the earliest sign or symptom of chickenpox.

Herpes simplex

Oral, 200 to 400 mg 5 times a day for 10 days in immunocompromised individuals.

Paediatrics

Children < 2 years: Dosage has not been established in children up to 2 years of age.

Children 2 to 12 years: Varicella: Oral 20 mg per kg of body weight, up to 800 mg per dose, 4 times a day for 5 days. Treatment should be initiated at the earliest sign or symptom of chickenpox.

If you have kidney impairment, your doctor will adjust your dose accordingly.

Follow all directions given to you by your doctor and pharmacist carefully. They may differ from the information contained in this leaflet. If you do not understand the instructions on the label, ask your doctor or pharmacist for help.

- When to use it

Use as directed by your doctor or pharmacist.

- How long to use it

Continue taking Virest 400mg Tablet for as long as your doctor recommends.

- If you forget to use it

Consult your doctor or pharmacist on what you should do if you forget to use it.

Take the missed dose as soon as you remember. If it is almost time for your next dose, wait until then to take the medicine and skip the missed dose. Do not take a double dose to make up for the missed dose.

- If you use too much (overdose)

Contact your doctor immediately or go to the Emergency Department of your nearest hospital, if you think you or anyone else may have taken too much of this medicine. Do this even if there are no signs of discomfort or poisoning. You may need urgent medical attention.

Since there is no specific antidote, treatment of adverse effects and/or overdose should be symptomatic and supportive with possible utilization of the following:

- adequate hydration to prevent precipitation of aciclovir in the kidney tubules
- Hemodialysis to aid in the removal of aciclovir from the blood, especially in individuals with acute kidney failure and failure of the kidneys to produce urine.

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While you are using it

- Things you must do

Take your medicine exactly as your doctor has told you.

Tell all the doctors, dentists and pharmacists treating you that you are taking Virest 400mg Tablet.

Tell your doctor immediately if you become pregnant while taking this medication.

- Things you must not do

Do not stop taking the medicine unless advised by your doctor.

Do not take any new medicines without consulting your doctor.

Do not give Virest 400mg Tablet to anyone else, even if they have the same symptoms or condition as you.

- Things to be careful of

Driving and using machines

This medicine may affect your ability to drive or use machines. If the tablets make you feel sick, dizzy or tired, or give you a headache, do not drive or use machines and contact your doctor immediately.

Side effects

Like all medicines, Virest 400mg Tablet can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

Visit your doctor or pharmacist immediately if you experience any side effects after taking this medicine.

Side effects reported:

- acute renal failure
- gastrointestinal disturbances (nausea or vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain)
- headache
- increase in blood concentrations of urea and creatinine
- lightheadedness
- increase values for liver enzymes
- skin rashes
- encephalopathic changes (lethargy, confusion, tremors, seizures)
- blood profile changes

Other unwanted side effects not listed may occur. Tell your doctor immediately.

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 Virest 400mg Tablet

- Storage

Keep out of reach and sight of children. Store below 30°C. Protect from light.

- 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?

Hexagon-shaped, pink uncoated tablet, bevel-edged with flat faces.

- Ingredients

- Active ingredient

Aciclovir 400 mg

- Inactive ingredients

- Sodium Starch Glycolate
- Iron Oxide Red
- Microcrystalline Cellulose PH 101
- Kollidon K-30
- Microcrystalline Cellulose pH 102
- Magnesium Stearate.

- MAL Number:

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