

ZIRAX TABLET

Acyclovir (400mg)

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What Zirax is used for

For the initial or recurrent treatment of viral infections eg. chickenpox, shingles, cold sores, eye herpes or genital herpes.

How Zirax works

Acyclovir is an antiviral medication used in treatment and prevention of infections due to virus. It can kill or stop the growth of viruses.

Before you use Zirax

- When you must not use it
 - If allergic to acyclovir or other ingredients of Zirax.
- Before you start to use it
 - Check with doctor or pharmacist:
 - If unsure how to use Zirax
 - If have any liver or kidney problems.
- Taking other medicines
 - Check with doctor or pharmacist if using medications below:
 - probenecid, used to treat gout
 - zidovudine, used as antiviral

How to use Zirax

- How much to use
 - For treatment of primary herpes infections (including genital herpes) – 200mg five times daily (usually every 4 hours while awake) for 5 – 10 days.
 - For suppression of recurrent herpes – 200mg two to five times daily (interrupted every 6 – 12 months for reassessment of the condition) or alternatively, 400mg twice daily.
 - For treatment of chickenpox or shingles – 800mg five times daily (every 4 hours while awake) for 7 – 10 days.
- Note: Inform the doctor if you have long term kidney impairment, dosage adjustment may be made.

- When to use it

Always take Zirax exactly as your doctor has instructed you. You should check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are unsure.

- How long to use it

You should check with your doctor or pharmacist.

- If you forget to use it

Take it as soon as you remember. However, if it is nearly time for the next dose, skip the missed dose. Do not take a double dose to make up for a missed dose.

- If you use too much (overdose)

If taken too much Zirax, contact your doctor, an emergency department or a poison center immediately.

While you are using Zirax

- Things you must do
 - Inform doctor of medications you are taking.
- Things you must not do
 - Never give this medicine to someone else, even if their symptoms seem the same, as it could harm them.
- Things to be careful of
 - If you are pregnant, become pregnant or breast-feeding during treatment, you should not take Zirax unless your doctor tells you to. Your doctor will consider about the potential benefits and risks of your therapy to you and your child.

Side effects

Gastrointestinal effects (nausea, vomiting and diarrhoea), headache, skin rashes, yellowing of your skin and whites of eyes (jaundice), kidney problems where passing little or no urine, dizziness, fatigue, confusion, hallucinations, agitation, tremors, somnolence, psychosis (mental disorder), convulsion and coma. You may report any side effects or adverse drug reactions directly to the National Centre for Adverse Drug Reaction Monitoring by calling Tel: 03-78835550, or visiting the website portal.bpfk.gov.my (Consumers → Reporting)

Storage and disposal of Zirax

- Storage
 - Store in cool, dry place below 30°C.
 - Protect from light.
 - Keep out of reach of children.
- Disposal
 - Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required.

Product description

- What it looks like
 - Light brown hexagonal shaped tablet, triangle embossed on one side and 'ZIRAX' on the other.
- Ingredients
 - Active ingredient: acyclovir
 - Inactive ingredients: lactose monohydrate, sunset yellow lake, carmoisine lake, cornstarch, polyvinylpyrrolidone, magnesium stearate, microcrystalline cellulose and croscarmellose sodium.
- MAL number:
 - MAL19987377AZ

Manufacturer and Product Registration holder

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