

HEPIRAX DISPERSIBLE TABLET[®]

Acyclovir 400mg

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What HEPIRAX is used for

HEPIRAX is used for the treatment and suppression (prevention of recurrence) of Herpes simplex virus infection (cold sores) of the skin and mucous membranes, including initial and recurrent genital herpes (blisters in the genital area). It is also used for prevention of Herpes simplex infections in immunocompromised patients.

HEPIRAX is also used for the treatment of Varicella (Chickenpox) and Herpes Zoster (Shingles) infections.

How HEPIRAX works

HEPIRAX contains acyclovir as its active ingredient. Acyclovir belongs to a group of medicines called anti-virals. Acyclovir works by stopping the production of the herpes virus. This reduces the length and severity of an outbreak of herpes.

Acyclovir does not get rid of the virus from your body. Your doctor may, however, have prescribed HEPIRAX for a different use to that described above. If you have any questions about why you are taking HEPIRAX, ask your doctor or pharmacist. Your doctor or pharmacist will be able to provide you with more information.

Before you use HEPIRAX

- When you must not use it

1. Do not use HEPIRAX after the expiry date printed on the pack.
2. Do not use HEPIRAX if the packaging shows signs of tampering
3. Do not use HEPIRAX to treat any other conditions unless advised by your doctor.
4. Do not use Hepirax if you are allergic or hypersensitive to acyclovir or any ingredient in Hepirax Tablet.

- Before you start to use it

HEPIRAX is not suitable for everyone. Be sure that your doctor knows about the following before you take HEPIRAX:

1. If you are pregnant, or become pregnant while using HEPIRAX, or are breastfeeding.
2. If you suffer from:
 - kidney or any other medical problem

- 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.

Tell your doctor if you are taking any other medication such as probenecid or medicines that affect kidney function.

Your doctor or pharmacist will have a complete list of the medicines that may cause problems when taken with HEPIRAX.

How to use HEPIRAX

- How much to use

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.

Your doctor will decide the dose that suits you, based on the type of infection, age and kidney function.

If there is something that you do not understand ask either your doctor or pharmacist.

- When to use it

Use as directed by your doctor or pharmacist. Hepirax dispersible tablet may be swallowed whole with a little water or dispersed in a minimum of 50ml of water

- How long to use it

Continue taking HEPIRAX 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 have forgotten to take more than one dose contact your doctor or pharmacist for advice.

- 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.

While you are using it

- Things you must do

Your doctor or pharmacist will be able to tell you whether there are any special instructions while you are taking HEPIRAX.

See your doctor if you feel that your condition is not improving or getting worse.

Tell all the doctors, dentists and pharmacists treating you that you are taking HEPIRAX.

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 HEPIRAX 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 tablet 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, HEPIRAX can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them.

Tell your doctor if you notice any of the following:

- Abdominal cramps, nausea, vomiting, diarrhea.
- Headache, dizziness, tiredness, confusion, sleeps disturbances
- Hallucinations and skin rash.
- liver and kidney problems

If you think you are having hypersensitivity reaction to HEPIRAX, tell your doctor immediately.

Symptoms include:

- severe skin rash, itching or hives
- swelling of the face, lips, mouth or throat
- difficulty breathing and swallowing.
- fever
- low blood pressure (feeling tired and weak)

Do not be alarmed by this list if possible side-effects. You may not experience any of them.

Please consult your doctor or pharmacist for a more detail and complete list of side effects for Hepirax.

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 HEPIRAX

- Storage

Keep HEPIRAX in a cool dry place where the temperature stays below 25°C. Protect from light.

Keep your HEPIRAX in the pack until it is time to take them. If you take the tablets out of the pack, they may not keep well.

Do not store HEPIRAX or any other medicine in the bathroom or near a sink.

Do not leave it in the car or on window sills. Heat and dampness can destroy some medicines.

Keep it where children cannot reach it. A locked cupboard at least one-and a half meters above the ground is a good place to store medicines.

- 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

A pink, shield-shape, dispersible tablet embossed with 'CCM' and '400' on the same side and plain on the other side.

- Ingredients

- Active ingredient
Each tablet contains 400mg of Acyclovir.

- Inactive ingredients
- Croscarmellose Sodium
- Silicon Dioxide
- Pink Pigment Blend
- Microcrystalline Cellulose
- Magnesium Stearate
- Light Koalin

- MAL number(s):
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