

AVORAX TABLET

Acyclovir (200mg, 400mg)

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What Avorax Tablet is used for

It is used to treat:

- herpes simplex viral infection (cold sores) on the skin, including initial and recurrent viral infection of the eye, lips and genital area.
- chicken pox
- shingles, a painful skin rash with blisters.

How Avorax Tablet works

Avorax Tablet contains an active ingredient, Acyclovir. Acyclovir is the anti-viral which inhibits the growth of virus by preventing the spreading of virus in the body.

Before you use Avorax Tablet

When you must not use it

Do not use Avorax Tablet if you are allergic to Acyclovir or any other ingredients in this medicine.

Before you start to use it

Tell your doctor or pharmacist before using Avorax Tablet if you:

- are pregnant or plan to pregnant.
- are breast-feeding or plan to start breast-feeding.
- have kidney failure.
- are dehydrated (loss of body's fluid).

Taking other medicines

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking Probenecid and Zidovudine or having recently taken any other medicines. This includes any medicines which you have bought without a prescription.

How to use Avorax Tablet

How much to use

- *For treatment of herpes simplex viral infection:*

Adults: 200mg 5 times or 4 hourly daily.
For 5- 10 days.

Can be increased to 400mg for patients with impaired absorption from the gut.
Children more than 2 years: as per adult dose.

Children less than 2 years: half of the adult dose.

Kidney failure patients: 200mg every 12 hours.

- *For treatment of recurrent herpes simplex viral infection in immune deficiency patients:*

Adults: 200mg 4 times or 6 hourly daily,
Or 400mg 2 times or 12 hourly daily

Dose will be periodically reviewed by doctor/ pharmacist in every 6 to 12 months.

- *For prevention of herpes simplex viral infection in immune deficiency patients:*

Adults: 200mg 4 times or 6 hourly daily

Can be increased to 400mg in patients with severe immune deficiency.

Children more than 2 years: as per adult dose.

Children less than 2 years: half of the adult dose.

- *For treatment of chicken pox:*

Children 2-12 years: 20mg/kg, 4 times/day. Maximum 800mg per dose for 5 days.

Children 13-18 years and Adults: 800mg, 4 times/day. For 5 days.

Kidney failure patients: 800mg, 2times/day

- *For treatment of shingles:* 800mg, 5 times/day. For 7-10 days.

When to use it

As soon as the infection is detected.

Follow the instruction of use from your doctor or pharmacist.

How long to use it

Follow the duration of use that your doctor or pharmacist has suggested.

If you forget to use it

Take it as soon as you remember, unless it is nearly time for your next dose, skip the missed dose. Then go on as before. Never double up on the next dose to make up for the one missed.

If you use too much (overdose)

Seek immediate medical attention if you have used too much or are worried with your condition.

While you are using Avorax Tablet

Things you must do

Always wash your hand before handle the tablets. Swallow the tablets with water and try to take at the same time each day.

Things you must not do

Do not chew the tablets. Swallow it with water.

Do not take this medicine by yourself without prescription from your doctor or pharmacist.

Things to be careful of

Tell your doctor or pharmacist if you:

- are allergic to Acyclovir or any other ingredients in this medicine.
- are pregnant or breast-feeding.
- have develop kidney failure.

Side Effects

- Headache
- Neurological reactions.
- Fatigue
- Skin rashes
- Stomach and intestine (gastrointestinal) disturbances
- Increase body waste product such as blood urea, creatinine, bilirubin and liver related enzymes
- Blood disorders
- Confusions
- Tremor and convulsion.

Seek immediate medical attention if you experience any side effects or allergic reactions.

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 (Consumer →Reporting)

Storage and Disposal of Avorax Tablet

Storage

Store below 25°C in a cool, dry place.

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Keep out of the reach of the children.
Do not use this medicine after expiry date.

Disposal

Medicines should not be disposed of via wastewater or household waste. Ask your pharmacist how to dispose of medicines no longer required.

Product Description

What it looks like

Avorax Tablet 200mg

Blue, round tablet.

Avorax Tablet 400mg

Pink, round tablet.

Ingredients

Active ingredient

Acyclovir

Inactive Ingredients

Avorax Tablet 200mg

FDC Blue #1, Ponceau 4R Lake, Sodium Starch Glycolate, Maize Starch, Lactose, Colloidal Silicon Dioxide, Pregelatinised Starch, Microcrystalline Cellulose, Magnesium Stearate.

Avorax Tablet 400mg

Pregelatinised Starch, Microcrystalline Cellulose, Colloidal Silicon Dioxide, Red Iron Oxide, Sodium Starch Glycolate, Maize Starch, Magnesium Stearate, Purified Water, Lactose.

Registration Number

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