

ZOVIRAX[®] OPHTHALMIC OINTMENT

Acyclovir (3% w/w)

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What ZOVIRAX is used for

It is used to treat eye infections caused by the Herpes simplex virus.

How ZOVIRAX works

Zovirax Ophthalmic Ointment contains a medicine called acyclovir. This belongs to a group of medicines called antivirals. It works by killing or stopping the growth of viruses on the front of your eyeball (cornea).

Before you use ZOVIRAX

- When you must not use it

Do not use Zovirax if:

- you are allergic (hypersensitive) to acyclovir or any of the other ingredients.

- Before you start to use it

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist before using Zovirax if:

- you wear contact lenses. Stop wearing them while using Zovirax.

If you are not sure, talk to your doctor or pharmacist before using Zovirax.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

Ask your doctor or pharmacist for advice before using any medicine.

- Taking other medicines

Please tell your doctor or pharmacist if you are taking or have recently taken any other medicines. This includes medicines obtained without a

prescription, including herbal medicines.

How to use ZOVIRAX

- How much to use

Always use Zovirax exactly as your doctor has told you. You should check with your doctor or pharmacist if you are not sure.

Adults and children

- The usual dose is 10 mm (about half an inch) ribbon of Zovirax applied to the infected eye five times a day. You should space each application of Zovirax by four hours. Suggested times are: 7am, 11am, 3pm, 7pm and 11pm.
- You should carry on using Zovirax for at least 3 days after your eye has got better.

How to apply Zovirax to your eye

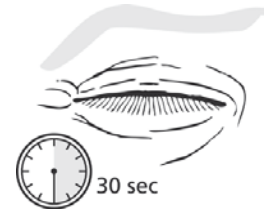
1. Wash your hands.
2. Use your finger to gently pull down the lower eyelid of your infected eye.



3. Tilt your head slightly backwards and look up.
4. Apply 1 cm (about half an inch) of Zovirax to the inside of your lower eyelid. Try to avoid the top of the tube touching any part of your eye.



5. Close your eye for 30 seconds.



6. Wash your hands after applying Zovirax.

- When to use it

Use as directed by your doctor or pharmacist.

- How long to use it

Continue taking Zovirax for as long as your doctor recommends. Treatment should continue for at least 3 days after healing.

- If you forget to use it

If you forget to use Zovirax, use it as soon as you remember. However, if it is nearly time for your next application, skip the missed application.

Do not use a double application to make up for a forgotten application.

- If you use too much (overdose)

Talk to your doctor or pharmacist if you use too much Zovirax. Zovirax Ophthalmic Ointment is for use in the eye, if you swallow any talk to your doctor or pharmacist.

While you are using it

- Things you must do

Check with your doctor or pharmacist before taking your medicine and take it as prescribed by your doctor.

- Things you must not do

This medicine has been prescribed for you. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them, even if their symptoms are the same as yours.

- Things to be careful of

Avoid wearing contact lenses when using Zovirax.

Side Effects

Like all medicines, Zovirax can cause side effects, although not everybody gets them. The following side effects may happen with this medicine:

Allergic reactions (affects less than 1 in 10,000 people)

If you have an allergic reaction, stop taking Zovirax and see a doctor straight away. The signs may include:

- rash, itching or hives on your skin
- swelling of your face, lips, tongue or other parts of your body
- shortness of breath, wheezing or trouble breathing
- unexplained high fever (high temperature) and feeling faint, especially when standing up.

Other side effects include:

Very common (affects more than 1 in 10 people)

- irritation or inflammation of the cornea, feeling as if there is something in your eye.

Common (affects less than 1 in 10 people)

- mild stinging in your eye straight after using Zovirax
- swollen, runny eyes (conjunctivitis)

Rare (affects less than 1 in 1,000 people)

- swollen eyelids.

If any of the side effects gets serious, or if you notice any side effects not listed in this leaflet, please tell 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 calling Tel: 03-78835550, or visiting the website portal.bpfk.gov.my (Consumers → Reporting)

Storage and Disposal of ZOVIRAX

- Storage

Keep out of the reach and sight of children.

Store below 25°C.

Keep the tube tightly closed when you are not using Zovirax.

Do not use Zovirax if more than one month has passed since you first opened the tube.

Do not use Zovirax after the expiry date which is stated on the carton and tube. The expiry date (Exp.) refers to the last day of that month.

- 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 near-white translucent ointment containing 3% w/w acyclovir in a sterile, anhydrous, soft paraffin base. Tube with nozzle and screw cap. Pack size: 4.5 g.

- Ingredients

- Active ingredient

3% w/w acyclovir

- Inactive ingredient

White petrolatum

- MAL number

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