

ZIRAX CREAM

Acyclovir (5% w/w)

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What Zirax is used for

For the treatment of Herpes simplex virus infections of the skin including initial and recurrent genital herpes and herpes labialis (around the mouth area).

How Zirax works

Acyclovir is an antiviral 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

Zirax is not recommended for use on the mouth, vagina and eyes due to local irritation.

- Taking other medicines

Check with doctor or pharmacist if using medication below:

- probenecid, used to treat gout.

How to use Zirax**- How much to use**

Medication should be applied as soon as possible after symptoms begin to appear. It is important to start treatment of recurrent episodes when signs first appear. Cream may be applied 5-6 times daily every three to four hours for period of 5 – 10 days.

- 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

Apply as soon as you remember.

- If you use too much (overdose)

If use too much Zirax, contact your doctor, an emergency department or a poisoning 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, it could harm them, even if their symptoms seem the same.

- Things to be careful of

If you are pregnant or become pregnant or breast-feeding during treatment, you should not use 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

Acyclovir is generally well tolerated. Use of acyclovir may lead to skin sensitization, resulting in allergic reactions with continuous of the medication. Skin rashes may occur. Transient burning or stinging following application, drying or flaking of the skin, redness and itching.

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**

White colour cream.

- Ingredients

- Active ingredient: acyclovir
- Inactive ingredients: propylene glycol, liquid paraffin, cetomacrogol emulsifying wax, white soft paraffin, chlorocresol and deionised water.

- MAL number:

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Manufacturer and Product**Registration holder**

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