#### Aciclovir 200/400/800 mg tablets

#### Uses

## Drug group

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Application of the drug: Aciclovir Sandoz 200 tablet is used in:

- The treatment of herpes infections of the skin and mucous membranes caused by herpes simplex virus or the varicella zoster virus;
- the prevention of herpes simplex infections in bone marrow and organ transplants and the treatment of acute leukemia;
- in the treatment of genital herpes (herpetic infections of the genitals) and for prevention of recurrent genital herpes;
- shingles.
- Aciclovir Sandoz 200 tablet is not intended for the treatment of herpes simplex in newborns and severe herpes simplex infections in children with compromised immune systems.
- Aciclovir Sandoz 400 tablet is used in: in the treatment of genital herpes (herpetic infections of the genitals) and for prevention of recurrent genital herpes.
- Aciclovir Sandoz 800 tablet is used in: shingles.

# When should you take special care with this medicine?

The usual dose is: Treatment of herpes simplex infections

Adults: 5x daily 200 mg every 4 hours, whereby the night-time dose is dispensed with.

The treatment lasts 5 days. In the case of a first, severe infection, a longer course of therapy may be required are necessary.

The first dose should be taken as soon as possible after the onset of infection become.

Children: The same dose as for adults is recommended for children over 2 years of age.

The tablets are not suitable for children under 2 years of age.

Preventing genital herpes simplex infections

Adults:2x daily 400 mg every 12 hours.

The duration of treatment is determined by the patient's period of risk.

Prevention of herpes simplex infections in bone marrow and organ transplants and treatment

Leukemia: Adults:

200 mg 4 times a day every 6 hours.

The preventive therapy should be started simultaneously with the start of the immunosuppressant therapy started.

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Shingles (recurrent varicella zoster infection)

Adults: 5x daily 800 mg every 4 hours, whereby the night-time dose is dispensed with.

The treatment lasts 7 days. The first dose should be given as soon as possible after the onset of infection be taken.

Children: No data are yet available on the dosage in children.

## Way of use

- Swallow the tablet (or tablet half) whole with some water.
- Duration of treatment
- Your doctor will tell you how long you should take Aciclovir Sandoz tablet.

## Contradictions

An interaction can occur, for example, when using this medicine with probenecid (e.g. for gout), cimetidine (antacid), mycophenolate mofetil (for transplants), interferon (for MS), zidovudine ('AZT', for AIDS) or theophylline (for asthma or COPD).

## Dose and method of administration

## **Undesirable side effects**

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Common (may affect up to 1 in 10 people): headache, dizziness, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, abdominal pain, itching, rash (including photosensitivity), tiredness, fever
Pregnancy and lactation  Are you pregnant, do you think you are pregnant, do you want to become pregnant or are you breastfeeding? Then take talk to your doctor or pharmacist before taking this medicine.
Pregnancy
• Aciclovir should only be used during pregnancy after consultation with the doctor.
Breastfeeding.  • Aciclovir passes into breast milk. Aciclovir should be used during breastfeeding given only after consultation with the doctor.
<b>How to store</b> Store below 25°C. Store in the original package in order to protect from moisture and light.
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