

Zidovudine

Essential medicine status

General description

Zidovudine (ZDV), also known as azidothymidine (AZT), is an antiretroviral medication used to prevent and treat human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) disease.

INN

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ATC codes

[J05AF01](#)

Medicine type

Chemical agent

EML status history

First added in 1997 ([TRS 882](#)) for [Human immunodeficiency virus disease without mention of associated disease or condition, clinical stage unspecified](#)

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Recommendations

Section

Antiretrovirals > Nucleoside/Nucleotide reverse transcriptase inhibitors

- Parenteral > General injections > IV: 10 mg per mL in 20 mL vial solution for IV infusion
- Oral > Liquid: 50 mg per 5 mL
- Oral > Solid > tablet: 300 mg
- Oral > Solid > capsule: 250 mg

Indications

[Human immunodeficiency virus disease without mention of associated disease or condition, clinical stage unspecified](#)