

Aciclovir

Section	Indications
Medicines for viral central nervous system infections Parenteral > General injections > IV: 250 mg in vial powder for solution for infusion (as sodium dihydrate); 25 mg per mL in vial solution for infusion (as sodium) Oral > Liquid: 200 mg per 5 mL Oral > Solid: 200 mg tablet Parenteral > General injections > IV: 250 mg in vial powder for solution for infusion (as sodium dihydrate); 25 mg per mL in vial solution for infusion (as sodium)	Herpes simplex infections Zoster Varicella

Amoxicillin

Section	Indications
Medicines for bacterial central nervous system infections Oral > Liquid: 125 mg per 5 mL (as trihydrate) powder for oral liquid; 250 mg per 5 mL (as trihydrate) powder for oral liquid Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 250 mg in vial (as sodium) powder for injection; 500 mg in vial (as sodium) powder for injection; 1 g in vial (as sodium) powder for injection Oral > Solid > dispersible tablet: 250 mg (scored) (as trihydrate); 500 mg (scored) (as trihydrate) Oral > Solid > dosage form: 250 mg (as trihydrate); 500 mg (as trihydrate)	Second choice Bacterial meningitis

Ampicillin

Section	Indications
Medicines for bacterial central nervous system infections Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 500 mg in vial (as sodium salt) powder for injection; 1 g in vial (as sodium salt) powder for injection	Second choice Bacterial meningitis

Benzylpenicillin

Section	Indications
Medicines for bacterial central nervous system infections Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 600 mg in vial powder for injection (=1 million IU as sodium or potassium salt); 3 g in vial powder for injection (=5 million IU as sodium or potassium salt)	Second choice Bacterial meningitis

Cefotaxime

Section

Medicines for bacterial central nervous system infections

Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 250 mg in vial powder for injection (as sodium salt); 500 mg in vial powder for injection (as sodium salt); 1 g in vial powder for injection (as sodium salt); 2 g in vial powder for injection (as sodium salt)

Indications

First choice

Bacterial meningitis

Ceftriaxone

Section

Medicines for bacterial central nervous system infections

Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 250 mg in vial powder for injection (as sodium salt); 500 mg in vial powder for injection (as sodium salt); 1 g in vial powder for injection (as sodium salt); 2 g in vial powder for injection (as sodium salt)

Indications

First choice

Bacterial meningitis

Chloramphenicol

Section

Medicines for bacterial central nervous system infections

Parenteral > General injections > IV: 1 g in vial powder for injection (sodium succinate)

Parenteral > General injections > IM: 500 mg in 2 mL ampoule oily suspension for injection

Indications

Second choice

Bacterial meningitis

Gentamicin

Section

Medicines for bacterial central nervous system infections

Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 10 mg per mL in 2 mL vial (as sulfate); 40 mg per mL in 2 mL vial (as sulfate)

Indications

First choice

Neonatal meningitis

Meropenem

Section

Medicines for bacterial central nervous system infections

Parenteral > General injections > IV: 500 mg in vial (as trihydrate) powder for injection; 1 g in vial (as trihydrate) powder for injection

Indications

Second choice

Neonatal meningitis

Valaciclovir

Section

Medicines for viral central nervous system infections

Indications

Therapeutic equivalent to [aciclovir](#) for

Herpes simplex infections

Therapeutic equivalent to [aciclovir](#) for

Zoster

Therapeutic equivalent to [aciclovir](#) for

Varicella