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Essential medicine status

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ATC codes: [J05AB01](#)

EMLc

Indication

Herpes simplex infections ICD11 code: [1F30.Z](#)

INN

Aciclovir

Medicine type

Chemical agent

List type

Core

Additional notes

The square box applies only to the listing of oral aciclovir on the EML.

Formulations

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 (EMLc)

Oral > Solid: 200 mg tablet

EML status history

First added in 2025 ([TRS 1064](#))

Sex

All

Age

Also recommended for children

Therapeutic alternatives

[valaciclovir](#) (ATC codes: [J05AB11](#))

Patent information

Patents have expired in most jurisdictions

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Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations



Listings for medicines for treatment of bacterial central nervous system infections are duplicated in this section from section 6.