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		EMLc	ATC codes: J05AB01
Indication	Herpes simplex infections	ICD11 code: 1F30.Z	
INN	Aciclovir		
Medicine type	Chemical agent		
List type	Core (EML) (EMLc)		
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 Read more <a href="#">about patents</a> .		
Wikipedia	<a href="#">Aciclovir</a> 		
DrugBank	<a href="#">Aciclovir</a> 		

### 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.

