Aciclovir

Essential medicine status

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EMLc | ATC codes: J05AB01

Indication	Varicella ICD11 code: 1E90.Z
INN	Aciclovir
Medicine type	Chemical agent
List type	Core
Additional notes	The square box does not apply to the listing of aciclovir on the EMLc
Formulations	**Parenteral > General injections > IV:** 250 mg in vial powder for solution for infusion (as sodium diihydrate) ; 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 about patents.
Wikipedia	Aciclovir
DrugBank	Aciclovir

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.