### 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 injection (as sodium salt)
- **Oral > Liquid:** 200 mg per 5 mL (EMLc)
- **Oral > Solid:** 200 mg tablet

### EML status history
- First added in 1997 ([TRS 882](https://www.who.int/csr/don/21-january-2007/zh))
- Changed in 2003 ([TRS 920](https://www.who.int/csr/don/13-february-2003/zh))
- Changed in 2007 ([TRS 950](https://www.who.int/csr/don/23-september-2007/zh))
- Changed in 2021

### 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

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**Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations**

Following the review of square box listings on the EML and EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended oral valaciclovir be specified as a therapeutic alternative to oral aciclovir under the square box listing for aciclovir on the EML.