




EMLc

ATC codes: [J05AB01](#)

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) Changed in 2003 (TRS 920) Changed in 2007 (TRS 950) Changed in 2021 (TRS 1035)
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

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.

