### Indication
| Herpes simplex infections |

### 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 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

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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.