




EMLc

ATC codes: [J05AB01](#)

Indication	Varicella <span style="background-color: #008080; color: white; padding: 2px;">ICD11 code: 1F20.Z</span>
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 injection (as sodium salt) Oral > Liquid: 200 mg per 5 mL (EMLc) Oral > Solid: 200 mg tablet
EML status history	First added in 1997 ( <a href="#">TRS 882</a> ) Changed in 2003 ( <a href="#">TRS 920</a> ) Changed in 2007 ( <a href="#">TRS 950</a> )
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

Aciclovir was noted to be licensed as the injection for use in children for varicella zoster infection. The Subcommittee endorsed the inclusion of the injection and tablet forms of aciclovir on the EMLc and added the oral liquid form (200 mg/5 ml) to the list.

