

HERPEX CREAM

For the use of a Registered Medical Practitioner or a Hospital or a Laboratory only

Abbreviated Prescribing information for HERPEX CREAM (Aciclovir 5% W/W Cream) [Please refer the complete prescribing information available at www.torrentpharma.com]

PHARMACOLOGICAL PROPERTIES: Aciclovir is an antiviral agent which is highly active in vitro against herpes simplex virus (HSV) types I and II and varicella zoster virus. Aciclovir is phosphorylated after entry into herpes infected cells to the active compound aciclovir triphosphate which acts as an inhibitor of, and substrate for, the herpes-specified DNA polymerase, preventing further viral DNA synthesis without affecting the normal cellular processes.

INDICATION: For the treatment of initial and recurrent herpes genitalis; non-life threatening mucocutaneous HSV infections in immunocompromised patients; herpes labialis and blepharitis. Herpex Cream is also applied to the cutaneous lesions in herpes zoster.

DOSAGE AND ADMINISTRATION: Applied to the lesion or impending lesion as early as possible and particularly during the prodromal period or when lesions first appear in case of recurrent episodes. Adults (including elderly): Aciclovir Cream should be applied five times daily at approximately four hourly intervals (omitting the night time application) for continuous 5 days. If, after five days, healing is not complete then continue for up to an additional five days.

CONTRAINDICATION: Contraindicated for patients who develop hypersensitivity to acyclovir or valacyclovir, or any of the excipients of aciclovir cream.

WARNINGS & PRECAUTIONS: Not recommended for use by patients who know they are immunocompromised e.g. by HIV infection, bone marrow transplant or cancer treatment, except on the advice of a doctor. Not to be applied to mucous membranes such as inside the mouth or vagina, or on the eye. Particular care should be taken to avoid contact with the eye.

DRUG INTERACTIONS: Interact with probenecid which is to be of little relevance to the topical application of Aciclovir.

ADVERSE REACTIONS: Uncommon: Transient burning or stinging following application of aciclovir cream, mild drying or flaking of the skin and itching. Rare: erythema and contact dermatitis following application. Very rare: Immediate hypersensitivity reactions including angioedema and urticaria.

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