



ADULT Medication Monograph




FAMCICLOVIR

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[Antimicrobial Restriction – Unrestricted \(oral\)](#)

Class	Antiviral
Presentation	Tablet: 250mg
Storage	Store at room temperature, below 25°C
Dose	<p><u>Genital herpes</u> <i>Immunocompetent and normal renal function</i> <u>Initial infection:</u> 250mg orally, 8 hourly for 10 days. If clinical response is rapid, stop therapy after 5 days <u>Episodic treatment:</u> 1g orally, 12 hourly for 1 day <u>Suppressive treatment:</u> 250mg orally, 12 hourly; Treatment may be continuous, or interrupted at intervals to determine the natural history of disease and restarted in the event of frequent recurrences.</p> <p><u>Orolabial herpes simplex (cold sores)</u> <i>Immunocompetent and normal renal function:</i> <u>Severe primary infection:</u> 500mg orally, 12 hourly for 7 days <u>Infrequent, severe infection:</u> 1500mg orally, as a single dose</p> <p><u>Shingles</u> <i>Immunocompetent and normal renal function:</i> 500mg orally, 8 hourly for 7 days</p>

Administration	Oral: Drink plenty of fluids
Pregnancy	1st Trimester: Consider Alternative* 2nd Trimester: Consider Alternative* 3rd Trimester: Consider Alternative* *Aciclovir is the most studied antiviral medicine and is considered the medicine of choice during pregnancy For more information, please contact KEMH Obstetric Medicines Information Service .
Breastfeeding	Consider Alternative For more information, please contact KEMH Obstetric Medicines Information Service .
Monitoring	Renal function if reduced
Clinical Guidelines and Policies	HDWA Policies: WA Statewide Medicines Formulary WNHS Policies: Antimicrobial Stewardship KEMH Clinical Guidelines: Varicella Zoster Sexually Transmitted Infections: Herpes Simplex KEMH Pharmaceutical & Medicines Management Guidelines: Medication Administration
References	<p>The Royal Women's Hospital. Famciclovir. In: Pregnancy and Breastfeeding Medicines Guide [Internet]. Parkville (Victoria): The Royal Women's Hospital; 2020 [cited 2020 Dec04]. Available from: https://thewomenspbmg.org.au/</p> <p>Australian Medicines Handbook. Famciclovir. In: Australian Medicines Handbook [Internet]. Adelaide (South Australia): Australian Medicines Handbook; 2020 [cited 2020 Dec04]. Available from: https://amhonline.amh.net.au/</p> <p>Therapeutic Guidelines. Genital herpes, Orolabial herpes simplex, Shingles. In: eTG complete [Internet]. West Melbourne (Victoria): Therapeutic Guidelines; 2020 [cited 2020 Dec04]. Available from: https://tgldcdp.tg.org.au</p> <p>Silver book – STI/BBV management guidelines</p>

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