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Drug Facts

COMPOSITION : Each tablet contains Aciclovir 800 mg

PHARMACOLOGICAL CLASS :
Antivirals

NAME : Aciclovir Tablets 800 mg

AVAILABLE AS : Aciclovir Tablets 800 mg

PHARMACOLOGICAL ACTION : Aciclovir is a synthetic purine nucleoside analogue with in vitro and in vivo inhibitory activity against human herpes viruses, including herpes simplex virus (HSV) types I and II and varicella zoster virus (VZV).

USED FOR : Aciclovir is indicated for the treatment of herpes simplex virus infections of the skin and mucous membranes including initial and recurrent genital herpes (excluding neonatal HSV and severe HSV infections in immunocompromised children), for the suppression (prevention of recurrences) of recurrent herpes simplex infections in immunocompetent patients, for the prophylaxis of herpes simplex infections in immunocompromised patients, for the treatment of varicella (chickenpox) and herpes zoster (shingles) infections.

SIDE EFFECTS : Side effects reported include gastrointestinal disturbances and headache. Alteration in values of bilirubin and liver related enzymes, blood urea and creatinine & megaloblastic haemopoiesis has also been reported in patients receiving Aciclovir. Oral administration of Aciclovir for long term (6-12 months) or at high doses, is associated with nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, abdominal pain, headache, rash and light headedness. Although acute renal insufficiency is most likely to occur if Aciclovir is given by rapid intravenous injection, concomitantly with other nephrotoxic agents in patients with compromised renal function without any dosage reduction, it has also been reported in patients receiving oral Aciclovir. Alteration in value of hepaticenzgyus and megaloblastic haemopoiesis also has been reported. Neuropsychiatric toxicity (confusion, hallucinations, tremors, seizures and coma) can occur if doses are not adjusted in patients with impaired renal function or in immunocompromised or geriatric patients.

WARNINGS : Aciclovir is contra-indicated in patients hypersensitive to Aciclovir or Ganciclovir. In patients with pre-existing impairment of renal function, neurological abnormalities or dehydration, the potential risks and benefit should be carefully considered. The safety in pregnancy and lactation has not been established.

OUR ADVICE : DO NOT SELF MEDICATE

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