

CIVAR[®]

(Acyclovir)

Pharmacological Information

Civar[®] (Acyclovir) is an antiviral agent which is highly active against herpes simplex virus types 1 and 2, also against varicella zoster virus. Acyclovir is metabolized after entry to the herpes infected cells into acyclovir triphosphate, the mechanism of action depends on the presence of viral-coded thymidine kinase. Acyclovir triphosphate prevents viral DNA synthesis, without affecting normal cellular processes.

Indications

Treatment of skin viral infections including initial, and recurrent genital herpes, due to herpes simplex, and herpes labialis.

Dosage and administration

It is important that treatment is started as early as possible, and in cases of recurrent episodes, start treatment during the prodromal period or when the lesions first appear.

Usual adult and children dose

Civar[®] should be applied five times/day, approximately every 4 hours. The treatment should be continued for 5 days, if healing has not occurred, treatment period may be increased for 10 days.

Use in pregnancy and lactation

In pregnancy : use of acyclovir cream should be considered only if potential benefits outweigh the possibility of unknown risks.

Lactating women: limited data available show that the drug passes into breast milk.

Side effects

Usually side effects are mild including transient burning or stinging . Mild drying and flaking of the skin occasionally were reported Other rarely occurring side effects include: erythema, itching and contact dermatitis.

Precautions

Acyclovir cream is not intended for use in the mouth, eyes or vagina.

Contraindications

In patients hypersensitive to acyclovir or any component of the formulation.

Drug interactions

Probenecid increases half life of systemically administered acyclovir .

Overdosage

No unwanted effects are expected in the case of overdose.

Presentation

Civar[®] cream : Acyclovir 5% (Available in different pack sizes) .

(This is a medicament - keep medicaments out of reach of children)



- Medicament is a product which affects your health, and its consumption contrary to instructions is dangerous for you.
- Follow strictly the doctor's prescription, method for use and the instructions of the pharmacist who sold the medicament
- The doctor and the pharmacist are experts in medicine, its benefits and risks .
- Do not by yourself interrupt the period of treatment prescribed for you.
- Do not repeat the same prescription without consulting your doctor.