

Famciclovir Patient Information

What is famciclovir?

Famciclovir is a prescription antiviral medicine used:

- in adults with a normal immune system to:
 - o treat outbreaks of cold sores
 - o treat outbreaks of genital herpes
 - o decrease the number of outbreaks of genital herpes
 - o treat shingles (herpes zoster)
- in adults with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV) to treat outbreaks of herpes in or around the mouth, genitals or anal area

It is not known if famciclovir is safe and effective for:

- the first outbreak of genital herpes
- shingles in the eye(s)
- people with weakened immune systems, other than for the treatment of outbreaks of herpes in people with HIV
- black and African American people with genital herpes outbreaks

It is not known if famciclovir is effective in children.

Do not take famciclovir if you are allergic to any of its ingredients or to Denavir® (penciclovir cream). See the end of this Patient Information leaflet for a complete list of ingredients in famciclovir tablets.

Before you take famciclovir, tell your healthcare provider about all of your medical conditions, including if you:

- have kidney or liver problems
- have a rare genetic problem with galactose intolerance, a severe lactase deficiency or you do not absorb glucose-galactose (malabsorption)
- are pregnant or plan to become pregnant. It is not known if famciclovir will harm your unborn baby.

Pregnancy exposure reporting: There is a pregnancy reporting system for women who take famciclovir during pregnancy. The purpose of this reporting system is to collect information about the health of you and your baby. Talk to your healthcare provider about how to report your pregnancy.

- are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. It is not known if famciclovir passes into your breastmilk or how it may affect your breast fed baby.

Tell your healthcare provider about all the medicines you take, including prescription and over-the-counter medicines, vitamins, and herbal supplements.

How should I take famciclovir?

- Take famciclovir exactly as prescribed by your healthcare provider.
- Your healthcare provider will tell you how many famciclovir tablets to take and when to take them. Your dose of famciclovir and how often you take it may be different depending on your condition.
- famciclovir may be taken with or without food.
- If you are taking famciclovir for outbreaks of cold sores or genital herpes, take famciclovir as soon as you have the first symptoms of the infection such as itching, redness, pain, burning or tingling, or when the sore appears.
- If you take too much famciclovir, call your healthcare provider or go to the nearest hospital emergency room right away.

What should I avoid while taking famciclovir?

You should avoid driving or operating machinery if you get dizziness, sleepiness or confusion during

treatment with famciclovir.

What are the possible side effects of famciclovir?

The most common side effects of famciclovir are headache and nausea. These are not all the possible side effects of famciclovir.

Call your doctor for medical advice about side effects. You may report side effects to FDA at 1-800-FDA-1088.

How should I store famciclovir?

- Store famciclovir at room temperature between 68°F to 77°F (20°C to 25°C).

Keep famciclovir and all medicines out of reach from children.

General information about the safe and effective use of famciclovir

Famciclovir is not a cure for cold sores or genital herpes. It is not known if famciclovir can stop the spread of herpes to others. If you are sexually active, you can pass herpes to your partner even if you are taking famciclovir. Herpes can be passed to your partner even if you do not have active symptoms. You should continue to practice safer sex to lower the chances of spreading genital herpes to others. Do not have sexual contact with your partner during an outbreak of genital herpes or if you have any symptoms of genital herpes. Ask your healthcare provider for more information about safer sex practices.

Medicines are sometimes prescribed for purposes other than those listed in a Patient Information leaflet. Do not use famciclovir for a condition for which it was not prescribed. Do not give famciclovir to other people, even if they have the same symptoms you have. It may harm them. You can ask your healthcare provider or pharmacist for information about famciclovir that is written for health professionals.

For more information about famciclovir, call 1-866-495-1995.

What are the ingredients in famciclovir tablets?

Active ingredient: famciclovir, USP

Inactive ingredients: hydroxypropyl cellulose, lactose monohydrate, magnesium stearate and sodium starch glycolate. The tablets are coated with opadry white which contains hypromellose, polyethylene glycol, polysorbate 80 and titanium dioxide.

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