

## ACICLOVIR (injection)

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### What does it do?

*Acidovir* is used to treat and prevent viral infections such as herpes and shingles.

### Before you start

- Tell your doctor if you have kidney problems, or have ever had a seizure.
- Tell your doctor if you are pregnant, planning to become pregnant, or breastfeeding.

### How is it given?

*Acidovir* is given as an infusion into a vein.

### What if you forget a dose?

The missed dose should be given as soon as possible and treatment should continue as directed. *Acidovir* is usually given to you by a health professional. If you miss a dose, contact your health professional as soon as possible.

### Can you take other medicines?

Tell your pharmacist or doctor about all medicines or treatments that you may be taking, including vitamins, herbal products or recreational drugs.

### What side effects might you notice?

| Side Effects  | Recommended action              |
|---|---------------------------------|
| Seizures<br>Reduced number of blood cells that help your blood to clot - symptoms include: easy or unusual bruising or bleeding             | Tell your doctor immediately    |
| Confusion, agitation, hallucinations, tremor  | Tell your doctor                |
| Headache, tiredness or weakness<br>More sensitive to sunlight (sunburn or rash)<br>Nausea, vomiting<br>Irritation or pain at injection site | Tell your doctor if troublesome |

If you notice any other effects, discuss them with your doctor or pharmacist.

### Other information:

- Drink plenty of fluids while taking *acidovir*.
- Protect yourself from too much sunlight while being treated with *acidovir*. Always cover up and apply a thick layer of broad spectrum sunscreen (at least SPF 30) when outside. Do not use sunbeds.