

**Patient leaflet in accordance with
the Pharmacists' Regulations (Preparations) – 1986**

The medicine is dispensed
according to a physician's prescription only

Zovirax™ Ophthalmic Ointment

The active substance is Aciclovir 3% w/w.

List of the additional ingredients detailed in section 6.

Read the entire leaflet carefully before using the medicine. This leaflet contains concise information about the medicine. If you have any other questions, refer to the physician or the pharmacist.

This medicine has been prescribed for you. Do not pass it on to others. It may harm them even if it seems to you that their medical condition is similar.

1. What is the medicine intended for?

Zovirax Ophthalmic Ointment (called 'Zovirax' in this leaflet) contains a medicine called aciclovir. It is used to treat eye infections caused by the Herpes simplex virus. It works by killing or stopping the growth of viruses on the front of your eyeball (cornea).

Therapeutic group
Antiviral.

2. Before using the medicine

Do not use the medicine if:

- You are sensitive (allergic) to aciclovir, valaciclovir or any of the additional ingredients contained in the medicine (listed in section 6).
- If you are not sure, talk to your physician or pharmacist before using Zovirax.

Special warnings regarding the use of the medicine

Talk to your physician or pharmacist before using Zovirax if:

- you wear contact lenses. Stop wearing them while using Zovirax.
- If you are not sure, talk to your physician or pharmacist before using Zovirax.

If you are taking or have recently taken other medicines including non-prescription medicines, herbal medicines and food supplements, tell the physician or the pharmacist.

Pregnancy and breast-feeding

If you are pregnant or breast-feeding consult the physician or the pharmacist before using the medicine.

Driving and using machines

You may experience blurred vision after using Zovirax. **Do not drive or use any machines unless your vision is clear.**

3. How should you use the medicine?

Always use according to the physician's instructions.

You should check with the physician or the pharmacist if you are unsure.

The dosage and treatment will be determined only by the physician.

The usual dosage is:

Adults and children

- 1 cm of Zovirax applied to the infected eye five times a day.
You should space each application of Zovirax by four hours. Suggested times are: **07:00, 11:00, 15:00, 19:00 and 23:00.**
- You should carry on using Zovirax for at least 3 days after your eye has got better.
- Your vision may be blurred for 5 to 10 minutes after applying Zovirax. Wait until you can see clearly again before driving or using any tools or machines.

How to apply Zovirax to your eye

1. Wash your hands.
2. Use your finger to gently pull down the lower eyelid of your infected eye.
3. Tilt your head slightly backwards and look up.
4. Apply 1 cm of Zovirax to the inside of your lower eyelid.
Try to avoid the tip of the tube touching any part of your eye.



5. Close your eye for 30 seconds.

6. Wash your hands after applying Zovirax.



Do not exceed the recommended dose.

If you accidentally have used a higher dosage

Talk to your physician or pharmacist if you use too much Zovirax. Zovirax Ophthalmic Ointment is for use in the eye. If you swallow any talk to your physician or pharmacist.

If a child has accidentally swallowed the medicine, refer immediately to a physician or to a hospital emergency room and bring the package of the medicine with you.

If you forgot to use the medicine

- If you forgot to use Zovirax, use it as soon as you remember. However, if it is nearly time for your next application, skip the missed application.
- Do not use a double application to make up for a forgotten application.

Persist with the treatment as recommended by the physician.

Do not take medicines in the dark! Check the label and the dose each time you take a medicine. Wear glasses if you need them.

If you have any other questions regarding the use of the medicine, consult the physician or the pharmacist.

4. Side effects

As with any medicine, use of Zovirax may cause side effects in some of the users. Do not be alarmed by reading the list of side effects. You may not experience any of them.

Allergic reactions (affects less than 1 in 10,000 people)

If you have an allergic reaction, **stop using Zovirax and see a physician straight away.** The signs may include:

- rash, itching or hives on your skin
- swelling of the face, lips, tongue or other parts of your body
- shortness of breath, wheezing or trouble breathing
- unexplained fever (high temperature) and feeling faint, especially when standing up.

Additional side effects

Very common (affects more than 1 in 10 people)

- irritation or feeling as if there is something in your eye.

Common (affects up to 1 in 10 people)

- mild stinging in your eye straight after using Zovirax
- swollen, runny eyes (conjunctivitis).

Rare (affects less than 1 in 1,000 people)

- swollen eyelids.

If a side effect has appeared, if any of the side effects get worse or when you suffer from side effect that has not been mentioned in the leaflet, you should consult the physician.

5. How to store the medicine?

- Avoid poisoning! This medicine and any other medicine should be kept in a closed place out of the sight and reach of children and/or infants in order to avoid poisoning. Do not induce vomiting without an explicit instruction from the physician.
- Do not use the medicine after the expiry date (exp. date) appearing on the package. The expiry date refers to the last day of that month.
- Store below 25°C.
- Keep the tube tightly closed when you are not using Zovirax.
- Use within one month of first opening the tube.

6. Additional information

- **In addition to the active ingredient the medicine also contains –** White soft paraffin (white petrolatum).
- **What does the medicine look like and what is the content of the package –** Each carton contains a 4.5 g tube of Zovirax. The tube has a cap and contains an off-white ointment.
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