

**Patient Information**  
**Famciclovir Tablets, USP**  
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**What are famciclovir tablets?**

Famciclovir tablets are a prescription antiviral medicine used :

- in adults with a normal immune system to:
- treat outbreaks of cold sores
- treat outbreaks of genital herpes
- decrease the number of outbreaks of genital herpes 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 tablets are 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 tablets are effective in children.

**Do not take famciclovir tablets** 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 tablets, 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
  - are breastfeeding or plan to breastfeed. It is not known if famciclovir tablets 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 tablets?**

- Take famciclovir tablets 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 tablets and how often you take it may be different depending on your condition
- Famciclovir tablets may be taken with or without food
- If you are taking famciclovir tablets for outbreaks of cold sores or genital herpes, take famciclovir tablets 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 tablets, call your healthcare provider or go to the nearest hospital emergency room right away.

**What should I avoid while taking famciclovir tablets?**

You should avoid driving or operating machinery if you get dizziness, sleepiness or confusion during treatment with famciclovir tablets.