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FAMCICLOVIR

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[Antimicrobial Restriction – Unrestricted \(oral\)](#)

Presentation	Tablet: 250mg	
Dose	<p><u>Genital herpes</u> Immunocompetent and normal renal function <u>Initial infection</u> 250mg orally, 8 hourly for 5 days <u>Episodic treatment</u> 1g orally, 12 hourly for 1 day <u>Suppressive treatment</u> 250mg orally, 12 hourly; reassess at 6 months</p> <p><u>Orolabial herpes simplex (cold sores)</u> Immunocompetent and normal renal function: <u>Severe primary infection</u> 500mg orally, 12 hourly for 7 days <u>Infrequent, severe infection</u> 1500mg orally as a single dose</p> <p><u>Shingles</u> Immunocompetent and normal renal function: 250mg orally 3 times a day for 7 days</p>	
Administration	Administration: Orally	
Pregnancy	<p>1st Trimester: Consider Alternative 2nd Trimester: Consider Alternative 3rd Trimester: Consider Alternative</p>	Aciclovir is the most studied antiviral medicine and is considered the medicine of choice during pregnancy
Breastfeeding	Consider Alternative	

Monitoring	Renal function if reduced
Other clinical guidelines and policies	Antimicrobial Stewardship (AMS) Policy Herpes Simplex in Pregnancy
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