

Antiviral

acyclovir

Side effects

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- B: Bad nausea
- L: Lethargy
- I: Infusion reaction (Phlebitis)
- S: Suppressed bone marrow
- T: Tremors
- E: Elevated temp
- R: Renal failure

MOA

Supresses viral reproduction
 Earlier the tx, better the results

Drugs

acyclovir
 (Zovirax)

Interactions

- Probenecid
 ↳ ↑ acyclovir levels
- Zidovudine
 ↳ ↑ drowsiness

Uses

Herpes simplex
 Varicella zoster
 infections

Contraindications

- Renal disease
- neuro disorders
- Dehydration
- Immunocompromised Patients

- Drink extra fluids
- Slows the virus- does not cure it