

Valacyclovir (Valtrex)

Indication(s): Recurrent Herpes Simplex Virus

Contraindications: Hypersensitivity to valacyclovir or acyclovir.

Precautions: Care should be taken to ensure adequate fluid intake in patients who are at risk of dehydration particularly in geriatric patients; Patients should be informed that VALTREX is not a cure for genital herpes. Safer sex practices should be used in combination with suppressive therapy. VALTREX alone should not be used for reducing the risk of transmitting genital herpes.

Drug Interactions: no clinically significant interactions have been identified.

Adverse effects: (>1%) Headache (13%); nausea (8%); diarrhea (4%); abdominal pain (4%); dyspepsia (3%); dizziness (2%).

Dosage and Administration: Recurrent Herpes Labialis: 2000mg PO BID for 1 day. Recurrent Herpes Genitalis: 500mg PO BID for 3 days.