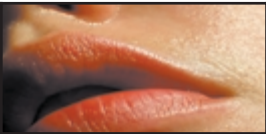



INFORMATION REGARDING COLD SORE PRODUCTS

Based on publicly available information, the following cold sore products are available for sale in Canada. Some products treat the symptoms of cold sores as noted below. intercept^{CS} has been licensed for the prevention of cold sores.

	Valtrex®	Zovirax®	Lipactin®	Abreva™	Zilactin®	
Indicated for the prevention of cold sores	No	No	No	No	No	YES
Indicated for the Treatment of Cold Sores	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Availability	Rx	Rx	OTC	OTC	OTC	OTC
Active ingredient	Valcyclovir	5% Acyclovir	Heparin Sodium 160 USP Zinc Sulfate 5mg	10% Docosanol	2.5% Lidocaine	Thermal Therapy
Method of delivery	Caplets	Cream	Gel	Cream	Gel	Non-invasive Medical Device
Dosing regimen	2 grams twice daily for 1 day	No dosing regimen recommended since not indicated for herpes labialis (HSV-1)	3 to 6 times daily	5 times a day for up to 10 days	No more than 3 to 4 times a day	Three 30 second treatments
Contraindications with other drugs	Hypersensitivity to valacyclovir, acyclovir or any components of the formulation	Hypersensitivity to acyclovir or valacyclovir	Individuals who are hypersensitive to heparin sodium, zinc sulfate or parabens	Consult your physician to discuss contraindications to medications	Consult your physician to discuss contraindications to medications	None
Side effects	Nausea, headache, vomiting, dizziness and abdominal pain	Nausea, vomiting (HSV-2)	In a few cases, mild transient burning sensation at the site	Not to be used if known sensitivity to Docosanol	None	None
Can be used during pregnancy	Should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus	Should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the fetus	Consult your physician to discuss use during pregnancy	Consult your physician to discuss use during pregnancy	Consult your physician to discuss use during pregnancy	Yes

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