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'Famvir' 250 mg Tablets

'Famvir' 125 mg Tablets

famciclovir

Prescribing Information

**Presentations** 'Famvir Tiltab' 250 mg Tablets, PL 10592/0035, each containing 250 mg famciclovir, 21 tablets: £107.35, 15 tablets £76.68, 210 tablets: £1073.50. 'Famvir Tiltab' 125 mg Tablets, PL 10592/0055, each containing 125 mg famciclovir, 10 tablets: £25.56.

**Uses** Treatment of herpes zoster (shingles) infections and acute genital herpes infections. Famciclovir is the oral form of penciclovir, converted in the body to this active antiviral moiety.

**Dosage and administration** *Herpes zoster (shingles) infection Adults:* One 250 mg tablet t.d.s. for 7 days.

Treatment should be initiated as early as possible in the course of the disease, promptly after diagnosis.

*First-episode genital herpes infections Adults:* One 250 mg tablet three times daily for 5 days. Initiation of treatment is recommended as soon as possible after onset of lesions.

*Acute recurrent genital herpes infections Adults:* One 125 mg tablet twice daily for 5 days. Initiation of treatment is recommended during the prodromal period or as soon as possible after onset of lesions.

*Elderly:* As for adults unless renal function impaired. *Renally impaired and renally impaired on haemodialysis:* Reduced clearance of penciclovir related to reduced function; see Data Sheet for dosage modification.

*Hepatically impaired:* No dosage modification required in well compensated hepatic impairment.

*Children:* Data currently insufficient on safety and efficacy.

**Contra-indication** Known hypersensitivity to famciclovir.

**Precautions** Care in impaired renal function (see Data Sheet).

**Drug interactions** No clinically significant pharmacokinetic interactions identified. Probenecid and other drugs affecting the kidney could affect plasma levels of penciclovir.

**Use in pregnancy and lactation** Not to be used during pregnancy or lactation unless benefits outweigh risk. Oral penciclovir excreted in breast milk of lactating rats.

**Adverse reactions** Well tolerated in human studies. Generally mild or moderate headache and nausea reported in clinical trials and occurring at similar incidence to placebo.

**Overdosage** No acute overdosage reported. Symptomatic and supportive therapy as appropriate.

**Legal category** POM. 15.3.95.

Based on "The Kiss," Auguste Rodin, 1886.

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**Uses:** Active immunisation against infections caused by hepatitis B virus.

**Dosage and administration:** For intramuscular use only. Shake well and inspect before use. Three doses should be given, the

second one month and the third six months after the initial dose. For more rapid immunisation the third dose can be given two months after the initial dose with a booster at 12 months.

*Adults and children over 12 years:* 20 micrograms (1 ml) given intramuscularly.

*Neonates and children 12 years and under:* 10 micrograms (0.5 ml) given intramuscularly.

Administer in the deltoid region, though the antero-lateral thigh is the preferred site for infants. 'Engerix B' should not be administered in the buttock since this may result in low immune response. In neonates of HBsAg positive mothers, give hepatitis B immunoglobulin at the same time as vaccine at different sites within a few hours of birth.

'Engerix B' isn't just something for the weekend. It provides up to five years' protection against hepatitis B; which means you don't have to rely on your patients using a condom every time they have sex.

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**Contra-indications:** Hypersensitivity to any component of the vaccine. Severe febrile infections.

**Precautions:** Response may be impaired in renal dialysis patients and those who are immunocompromised. Adrenaline 1:1000 should be available in case of anaphylaxis. Use in pregnancy: see Data Sheet.

**Adverse reactions:** Mild transient local soreness, erythema and induration at the injection site. Occasionally low grade fever, malaise, fatigue, arthralgia, arthritis, myalgia, headache, dizziness, syncope, nausea, vomiting, diarrhoea, abdominal pain, lymphadenopathy, abnormal liver function tests, rashes rarely including urticaria. Exceptionally, severe skin disorders such as erythema multiforme. Very rarely one week or more after

injection, transient arthralgia, pruritus or urticaria, but no causal relationship established.

Neurological manifestations in temporal association with the vaccine, including very rarely paraesthesia and extremely rarely paralysis, neuropathy and neuritis (including Guillain-Barré syndrome, optic neuritis and multiple sclerosis). No causal relationship established.

Early onset allergic-type reactions reported rarely.

**Legal category** POM. 11.8.94.

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**Hepatitis B Vaccine (rby)**

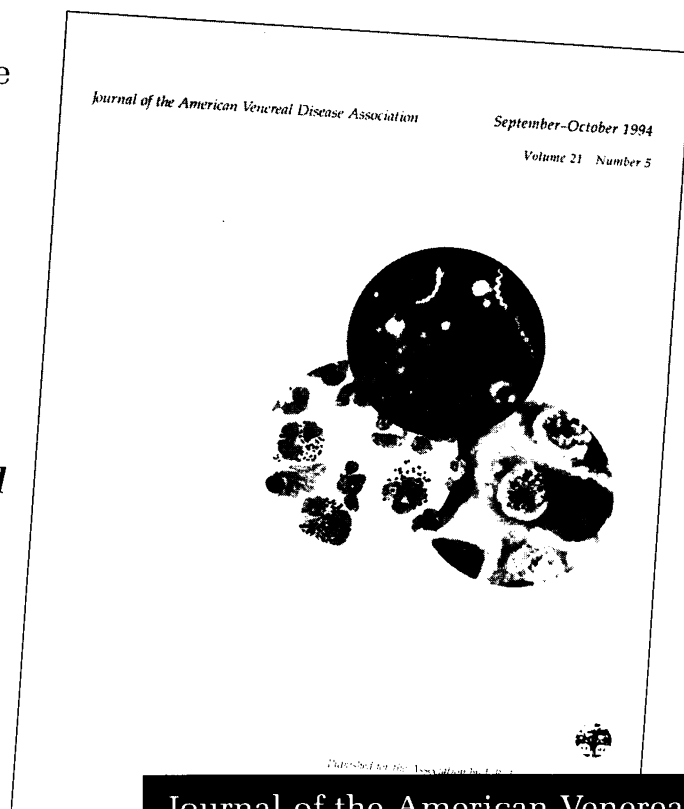
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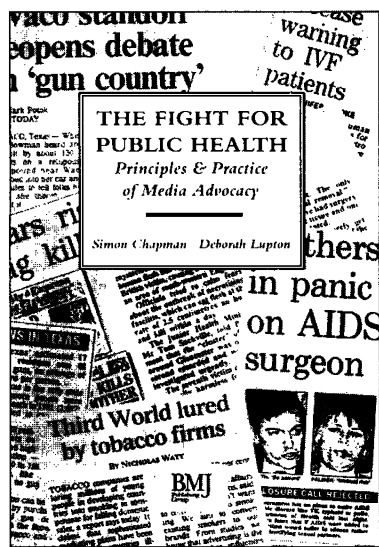
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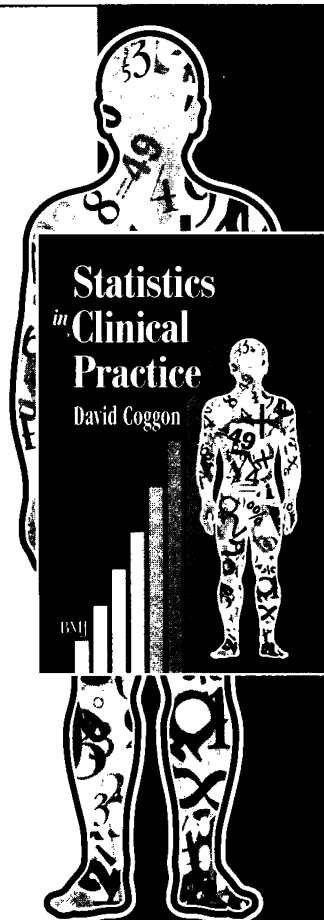
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