

**Shingles Antiviral Treatment (Adults)**

Drug	Dose	Duration	Notes
<b>1st line option</b>			
Valaciclovir	1g every 8 hours	7 Days  <b>And if immunocompromised:</b> continue for 2 days after crusting of lesions.	<a href="#">Dose reduction in renal impairment</a>
<b>2nd line option</b>			
Aciclovir	800mg Five Times Daily  Doses to be taken five times a day at approximately 4 hourly intervals, during waking hours.	7 Days  <b>And if immunocompromised:</b> continue for 2 days after crusting of lesions.	Dispersible Tablets and Liquid Available  <a href="#">Dose reduction in renal impairment</a>
<b>3rd line option</b>			
Famciclovir	500mg every 8 hours	7 Days  <b>And If immunocompromised:</b> 10 days and continue for 2 days after crusting of lesions.	<a href="#">Dose reduction in renal impairment</a>