

Information for the use of antiviral drugs

1 Oseltamivir

1.1 Pregnancy and lactation

Should be used during pregnancy or lactation only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the foetus or breast-fed baby

1.2 Precaution

Reduce dose for persons with renal impairment

1.3 Contraindications

In persons with known hypersensitivity to any of the components of the product

1.4 Adverse reactions

- i. Nausea, vomiting, abdominal pain, dyspepsia, diarrhoea; headache, fatigue, insomnia, dizziness, conjunctivitis, epistaxis; rash
- ii. Very rarely hepatitis, Stevens-Johnson syndrome, and toxic epidermal necrolysis; neuropsychiatric disorders also reported (in children and adolescents)

2 Zanamivir

2.1 Pregnancy and lactation

The safe use of Zanamivir during pregnancy has not been established. Zanamivir should be used during pregnancy only if the potential benefit justifies the potential risk to the foetus. Avoid during breast-feeding.

2.2 Precaution

Asthma and chronic pulmonary disease (risk of bronchospasm) - short-acting bronchodilator should be available; avoid in severe asthma unless close monitoring

possible and appropriate facilities available to treat bronchospasm); uncontrolled chronic illness; other inhaled drugs should be administered before Zanamivir

2.3 Contraindications

In persons with known hypersensitivity to any of the components of the product. Avoid during breast-feeding.

2.4 Adverse reactions

Very rarely, bronchospasm, respiratory impairment, angioedema, urticaria and rash.