Vancomycin

Essential medicine status ✓

General description

INN	Vancomycin
ATC codes	A07AA09 J01XA01
Medicine type	Chemical agent
Antibiotic groups	WATCH
EML status history	First added in 1995 (TRS 867) for Methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus Added in 2017 (TRS 1006) for Neutropenia Added in 2017 (TRS 1006) for Intestinal infections due to Clostridioides difficile Removed in 2017 (TRS 1006) for Methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus Added in 2021 (TRS 1035) for Endophthalmitis Added in 2021 (TRS 1035) for Necrotising fasciitis
Wikipedia	Vancomycin
DrugBank	Vancomycin

Recommendations

Section Watch group antibiotics

Oral > Solid > capsule: 125 mg (as hydrochloride); 250 mg (as hydrochloride)
Parenteral > General injections > IV: 250 mg in vial (as hydrochloride) powder for injection
Parenteral > General injections > IV: 250 mg in vial (as hydrochloride) powder for injection; 500 mg in vial (as hydrochloride) powder for injection; 1 g in vial (as hydrochloride) powder for injection

Indications

First choice

Necrotising fasciitis

co-prescribed with ceftazidime

Endophthalmitis

co-prescribed with ceftriaxone

Endophthalmitis

Second choice

Neutropenia (high-risk)

Intestinal infections due to Clostridioides difficile

Other indications

Methicillin resistant Staphylococcus aureus