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| | | EMLc | ATC codes: A07AA09 |
| Indication | Intestinal infections due to Clostridioides difficile | ICD11 code: 1A04 | |
| INN | Vancomycin | | |
| Medicine type | Chemical agent | | |
| Antibiotic groups | <div><div>W</div>WATCH</div> | | |
| List type | Core (EML) (EMLc) | | |
| Additional notes | *vancomycin powder for injection may also be used for oral administration. | | |
| Formulations | Oral > Solid > capsule: 125 mg (as hydrochloride) ; 250 mg (as hydrochloride) | | |
| EML status history | First added in 2017 (TRS 1006) Changed in 2023 (TRS 1049) | | |
| Sex | All | | |
| Age | Also recommended for children | | |
| Therapeutic alternatives | The recommendation is for this specific medicine | | |
| Patent information | Patents have expired in most jurisdictions Read more about patents .  | | |
| Wikipedia | Vancomycin  | | |
| DrugBank | Vancomycin  | | |

Expert Committee recommendation

In consideration of the review of the age appropriateness of formulations of medicines on the EMLc, and the comparison report of the EML versus EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended changes to the EMLc for addition of new, age-appropriate formulations and strengths of existing essential medicines, deletion of unavailable or age-inappropriate formulations and strengths, and other listing modifications as proposed in the application. The Committee also endorsed the proposals for further review of the public health relevance and evidence for specific medicines for use in children for potential future consideration for inclusion on the EMLc. The Committee noted and welcomed the ongoing review being coordinated by the Secretariat for the remaining sections of the EMLc for consideration by the 2025 Expert Committee. As a result of the review of the age-appropriateness of formulations on the EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended: - the range of strengths of metronidazole tablets be replaced with reference to specific strengths on the EML and EMLc. - a note be added to the listing of oral vancomycin on the EML and EMLc to indicate that the powder for injection dosage form may also be used for oral administration.

EML recommendations: Intestinal infections due to Clostridioides difficile

First choice

metronidazole

Second choice

vancomycin

