Methadone is a synthetic opioid used to treat chronic pain (adults and children), and in opioid replacement therapy for opioid addiction (adults).

### Recommendations

#### Section: Medicines for disorders due to psychoactive substance use

**Indications**

**Opioid dependence**

Oral > Liquid: 5 mg per 5 mL (methadone hydrochloride); 10 mg per 5 mL (methadone hydrochloride); 5 mg per mL concentrate for oral liquid (methadone hydrochloride); 10 mg per mL concentrate for oral liquid (methadone hydrochloride)

#### Section: Opioid analgesics

**Indications**

**Chronic cancer pain**

Oral > Liquid: 5 mg per 5 mL (as hydrochloride); 10 mg per 5 mL (as hydrochloride); 5 mg per mL concentrate for oral liquid (as hydrochloride); 10 mg per mL concentrate for oral liquid (as hydrochloride)

Oral > Solid: 5 mg (as hydrochloride); 10 mg (as hydrochloride)