

Methadone

Essential medicine status

General description

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

INN

Methadone

ATC codes

[N07BC02](#)

Medicine type

Chemical agent

EML status history

First added in 2005 ([TRS 933](#)) for [Opioid dependence](#)

Added in 2017 ([TRS 1006](#)) for [Chronic cancer pain](#)

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Recommendations

Section

Medicines for opioid use disorders

- 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)

Indications

[Opioid dependence](#)

Section

Opioid analgesics

- Oral > Liquid: 5 mg per 5 mL (methadone hydrochloride); 25 mg per 5 mL (methadone hydrochloride); 50 mg per 5 mL concentrate for oral liquid (methadone hydrochloride); 10 mg per mL concentrate for oral liquid (methadone hydrochloride)
- Oral > Solid > tablet: 5 mg (methadone hydrochloride); 10 mg (methadone hydrochloride)

Indications

[Chronic cancer pain](#)