Amitriptyline

Essential medicine status

General description

Amitriptyline is a tricyclic antidepressant that inhibits neuronal re-uptake of noradrenaline and serotonin. It is used for treating depression disorders and chronic pain.

INN	Amitriptyline
ATC codes	N06AA09
Medicine type	Chemical agent
EML status history	First added in 1977 (TRS 615) for Depressive disorders Added in 1991 (TRS 825) for Palliative care Application rejected in 2025 (TRS 1064) for Migraine
Wikipedia	Amitriptyline
DrugBank	Amitriptyline

Recommendations

Section Medicines for other common symptoms in palliative care

- Oral > Liquid: 25 mg per 5 mL
- Oral > Solid > tablet: 25 mg; 10 mg; 75 mg

Indications

Palliative care

Section Medicines for depressive disorders

- Oral > Solid: 25 mg; 75 mg

Indications

Depressive disorders

Section Medicines for migraine prophylaxis

- Oral > Solid > tablet: 25 mg

Indications

Migraine