

Erythromycin  
Essential medicine status  
General description

INN  
Erythromycin  
ATC codes  
[S01AA17 J01FA01](#)

Medicine type  
Chemical agent  
Antibiotic groups  
[WATCH](#)

EML status history  
First added in 1977 ([TRS 615](#)) for [Bacterial infection of unspecified site](#)  
Added in 2017 ([TRS 1006](#)) for [Gonococcal infection of eye](#)  
Added in 2017 ([TRS 1006](#)) for [Chlamydial conjunctivitis](#)  
Removed in 2017 ([TRS 1006](#)) for [Bacterial infection of unspecified site](#)  
Changed in 2023 ([TRS 1049](#)) for [Acute pharyngitis](#)

Therapeutic equivalent for  
[clarithromycin](#) for [Acute pharyngitis](#)

Wikipedia  
[Erythromycin](#)

DrugBank  
[Erythromycin](#)

Recommendations

Section  
Ophthalmological preparations > Anti-infective agents

- Local > Ophthalmological > Ointment: 0.5%

Indications  
[Gonococcal infection of eye](#) [Chlamydial conjunctivitis](#)

Section  
Watch group antibiotics

- Parenteral > General injections > IV: 500 mg in vial powder for injection (as lactobionate)
- Oral > Liquid: 125 mg per 5 mL (as stearate or ethylsuccinate)
- Oral > Solid: 250 mg (as stearate or ethylsuccinate)

Indications  
[Bacterial infection of unspecified site](#)