

Nitrofurantoin

Essential medicine status

General description

Nitrofurantoin is a nitrofuran derivative antibiotic used in the treatment and prophylaxis of acute lower urinary tract infections.

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Nitrofurantoin

ATC codes

[J01XE01](#)

Medicine type

Chemical agent

Antibiotic groups

[ACCESS](#)

EML status history

First added in 1979 ([TRS 641](#)) for [Infectious cystitis](#)

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Recommendations

Section

Access group antibiotics

- Oral > Liquid: 25 mg per 5 mL oral liquid
- Oral > Solid > dosage form: 100 mg; 50 mg

Indications

First choice

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