

Ampicillin
Essential medicine status
General description

INN
Ampicillin
ATC codes
[J01CA01](#)
Medicine type
Chemical agent
Antibiotic groups
[ACCESS](#)
EML status history
First added in 1977 ([TRS 615](#)) for [Bacterial infection of unspecified site](#)
Removed in 1989 ([TRS 796](#)) for [Bacterial infection of unspecified site](#)
Added in 2017 ([TRS 1006](#)) for [Bacterial meningitis](#)
Added in 2017 ([TRS 1006](#)) for [Acute malnutrition in infants, children or adolescents](#)
Added in 2017 ([TRS 1006](#)) for [Bacterial pneumonia](#)
Added in 2021 ([TRS 1035](#)) for [Peritonitis](#)
Added in 2021 ([TRS 1035](#)) for [Peritoneal abscess](#)
Added in 2023 ([TRS 1049](#)) for [Sepsis without septic shock](#)
Added in 2025 ([TRS 1064](#)) for [Bacterial meningitis](#)

Wikipedia

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DrugBank

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Recommendations

Section

Access group antibiotics

- Oral > Liquid: 125 mg per 5 mL (anhydrous) powder for oral suspension
- Oral > Solid: 250 mg (anhydrous); 500 mg (anhydrous)
- Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 500 mg in vial (as sodium salt) powder for injection; 1 g in vial (as sodium salt) powder for injection

Indications

First choice

[Acute malnutrition in infants, children or adolescents \(complicated\) \[children\]](#) [Bacterial pneumonia \(Community-acquired pneumonia - severe\) \[children\]](#) [Peritonitis \(mild-moderate\)](#) [Peritonitis \(severe\)](#) [Peritoneal abscess \(mild-moderate\)](#) [Peritoneal abscess \(severe\)](#)

Second choice

[Bacterial meningitis](#)

Other indications

[Bacterial infection of unspecified site](#)

Section

Medicines for bacterial central nervous system infections

- Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 500 mg in vial (as sodium salt) powder for injection; 1 g in vial (as sodium salt) powder for injection

Indications

Second choice

[Bacterial meningitis](#)