

General description

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

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

co-prescribed with [gentamicin](#)

Peritoneal abscess (mild-moderate)

co-prescribed with [gentamicin](#)

Peritoneal abscess (severe)

co-prescribed with [gentamicin](#)

Peritonitis (severe)

co-prescribed with [gentamicin](#)

Peritonitis (mild-moderate)

co-prescribed with [gentamicin](#)

Sepsis without septic shock

co-prescribed with [gentamicin](#)

Bacterial pneumonia (Community-acquired pneumonia - severe) [children]

co-prescribed with [gentamicin](#)

Acute malnutrition in infants, children or adolescents (complicated) [children]

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

