# Benzylpenicillin

## General description

Benzylpenicillin is a narrow spectrum beta lactam antibiotic.

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| **INN** | Benzylpenicillin |
| **ATC codes** | J01CE01 |
| **Medicine type** | Chemical agent |
| **Antibiotic groups** | A ACCESS |
| **EML status history** | First added in 1977 (TRS 615) for Bacterial infection of unspecified site<br>Changed in 2017 (TRS 1006) for Bacterial meningitis<br>Changed in 2017 (TRS 1006) for Acute malnutrition in infants, children or adolescents<br>Changed in 2017 (TRS 1006) for Syphilis<br>Removed in 2017 (TRS 1006) for Bacterial infection of unspecified site<br>Added in 2017 (TRS 1006) for Congenital syphilis<br>Changed in 2017 (TRS 1006) for Bacterial pneumonia<br>Changed in 2023 (TRS 1049) for Sepsis without septic shock<br>Changed in 2025 (TRS 1064) for Bacterial meningitis |
| **Wikipedia** | Benzylpenicillin |
| **DrugBank** | Benzylpenicillin |

## Recommendations

**Section** Access group antibiotics

- Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 600 mg in vial powder for injection (=1 million IU as sodium or potassium salt); 3 g in vial powder for injection (=5 million IU as sodium or potassium salt)
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**Indications**

**First choice**

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

Syphilis

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

Congenital syphilis [children]

**Second choice**

Bacterial meningitis

**Other indications**

Bacterial infection of unspecified site

**Section** Medicines for bacterial central nervous system infections

- Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 600 mg in vial powder for injection (=1 million IU as sodium or potassium salt); 3 g in vial powder for injection (=5 million IU as sodium or potassium salt)

**Indications**

**Second choice**

Bacterial meningitis