

Metronidazole  
Essential medicine status  
General description

INN

Metronidazole

ATC codes

[A01AB17](#) [P01AB01](#) [J01XD01](#)

Medicine type

Chemical agent

Antibiotic groups

[ACCESS](#)

EML status history

First added in 1977 ([TRS 615](#)) for [Amoebiasis](#)

Added in 1979 ([TRS 641](#)) for [Bacterial infection of unspecified site](#)

Removed in 2017 ([TRS 1006](#)) for [Bacterial infection of unspecified site](#)

Added in 2017 ([TRS 1006](#)) for [Intestinal infections due to Clostridioides difficile](#)

Added in 2017 ([TRS 1006](#)) for [Trichomoniasis](#)

Added in 2021 ([TRS 1035](#)) for [Necrotising fasciitis](#)

Added in 2023 ([TRS 1049](#)) for [Peritonitis](#)

Added in 2023 ([TRS 1049](#)) for [Peritoneal abscess](#)

Added in 2023 ([TRS 1049](#)) for [Other specified prophylactic measures](#)

Wikipedia

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DrugBank

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Recommendations

Section

Access group antibiotics

- Oral > Liquid: 200 mg per 5 mL (as benzoate)
- Oral > Solid: 200 to 500 mg tablet
- Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 500 mg per 100 mL in vial Injection
- Local > Rectal > Suppository: 500 mg; 1 g
- Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 500 mg per 100 mL in vial
- Oral > Solid > tablet: 500 mg; 200 mg; 250 mg; 400 mg
- Oral > Solid > tablet: 200 mg; 250 mg; 400 mg; 500 mg

Indications

**First choice**

[Intestinal infections due to Clostridioides difficile](#) [Trichomoniasis](#) [Necrotising fasciitis](#)

Other indications

[Bacterial infection of unspecified site](#)

Section

Antiamoebic and anti giardiasis medicines

- Oral > Liquid: 200 mg per 5 mL (as benzoate)
- Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 500 mg in 100 mL vial
- Oral > Solid > tablet: 200 mg; 250 mg; 400 mg; 500 mg

Indications

[Amoebiasis](#)