

General description

INN	Metronidazole
ATC codes	A01AB17 P01AB01 J01XD01
Medicine type	Chemical agent
Antibiotic groups	A ACCESS
EML status history	First added in 1977 (TRS 615) for Amoebiasis Added in 1979 (TRS 641) for Bacterial infection of unspecified site Added in 2017 (TRS 1006) for Peritoneal abscess Added in 2017 (TRS 1006) for Peritonitis 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 2019 (TRS 1021) for Other specified prophylactic measures Added in 2021 (TRS 1035) for Necrotising fasciitis
Wikipedia	Metronidazole 
DrugBank	Metronidazole 

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 suppository; 1 g suppository

Oral > Solid > tablet: 200 mg; 250 mg; 400 mg; 500 mg

Local > Rectal > Suppository: 1 g suppository; 500 mg suppository

Indications

First choice

Intestinal infections due to Clostridioides difficile

Trichomoniasis

co-prescribed with [cefazolin](#)

Other specified prophylactic measures

co-prescribed with [cefotaxime](#)

Peritonitis (mild-moderate)

co-prescribed with [cefotaxime](#)

Peritoneal abscess (severe)

co-prescribed with [cefotaxime](#)

Peritoneal abscess (mild-moderate)

co-prescribed with [cefotaxime](#)

Peritonitis (severe)

co-prescribed with [ceftriaxone](#)

Necrotising fasciitis

co-prescribed with [ceftriaxone](#)

Peritonitis (mild-moderate)

co-prescribed with [ceftriaxone](#)

Peritonitis (severe)

co-prescribed with [ceftriaxone](#)

Peritoneal abscess (mild-moderate)

co-prescribed with [ceftriaxone](#)

Peritoneal abscess (severe)

Second choice

co-prescribed with [ciprofloxacin](#)

Peritoneal abscess (mild-moderate)

co-prescribed with [ciprofloxacin](#)

Peritonitis (mild-moderate)

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

