

Hydrocortisone

Essential medicine status

General description

Hydrocortisone is a glucocorticoid corticosteroid used in the topical and/or systemic treatment of various conditions where corticosteroids are indicated.

INN

Hydrocortisone

ATC codes

[H02AB09](#) [D07AA02](#) [A07EA02](#) [S01BA02](#)

Medicine type

Chemical agent

EML status history

First added in 1977 ([TRS 615](#)) for [Dermatitis or eczema](#)

Added in 1977 ([TRS 615](#)) for [Adrenocortical insufficiency](#)

Added in 1977 ([TRS 615](#)) for [Scleritis](#)

Added in 1977 ([TRS 615](#)) for [Anterior uveitis](#)

Added in 1977 ([TRS 615](#)) for [Lichen planus](#)

Added in 1977 ([TRS 615](#)) for [Psoriasis of unspecified type](#)

Added in 1977 ([TRS 615](#)) for [Pruritus due to skin disorder](#)

Added in 1987 ([TRS 770](#)) for [Anaphylaxis](#)

Added in 1987 ([TRS 770](#)) for [Ulcerative colitis](#)

Added in 1987 ([TRS 770](#)) for [Crohn disease site](#)

Removed in 1989 ([TRS 796](#)) for [Scleritis](#)

Removed in 1989 ([TRS 796](#)) for [Anterior uveitis](#)

Added in 2003 ([TRS 920](#)) for [Unspecified malignant neoplasms of ill-defined or unspecified sites](#)

Removed in 2003 ([TRS 920](#)) for [Adrenocortical insufficiency](#)

Added in 2009 ([TRS 958](#)) for [Adrenocortical insufficiency](#)

Added in 2015 ([TRS 994](#)) for [Lymphoid leukaemia, not elsewhere classified](#)

Removed in 2015 ([TRS 994](#)) for [Unspecified malignant neoplasms of ill-defined or unspecified sites](#)

Added in 2021 ([TRS 1035](#)) for [Burkitt lymphoma including Burkitt leukaemia](#)

Wikipedia

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DrugBank

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Recommendations

Section

Antiallergics and medicines used in anaphylaxis

- Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 100 mg in vial powder for injection (as sodium succinate)

Indications

[Anaphylaxis](#)

Section

Dermatological medicines > Anti-inflammatory and antipruritic medicines

- Local > Topical > Cream: 1% (acetate)
- Local > Topical > Ointment: 1% (acetate)

Indications

[Dermatitis or eczema](#) [Lichen planus](#) [Psoriasis of unspecified type](#) [Pruritus due to skin disorder](#)

Section

Anti-inflammatory medicines

- Local > Rectal > Suppository: 25 mg (acetate)
- Local > Rectal > Retention enema: 100 mg per 60 mL

Indications

[Ulcerative colitis](#) [Crohn disease site](#)

Section

Adrenal hormones and synthetic substitutes

- Oral > Solid > tablet: 5 mg; 10 mg; 20 mg
- Oral > Solid > granules: 0.5 mg in capsule; 1 mg in capsule; 2 mg in capsule; 5 mg in capsule

Indications

[Adrenocortical insufficiency](#)

Section

Hormones and antihormones

- Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 100 mg in vial (as sodium succinate)

Indications

[Lymphoid leukaemia, not elsewhere classified](#) [Unspecified malignant neoplasms of ill-defined or unspecified sites](#)

[Burkitt lymphoma including Burkitt leukaemia](#)

Section

Ophthalmological preparations > Anti-inflammatory agents

- Local > Ophthalmological > Ointment: 1% (acetate)

Indications

[Scleritis](#) [Anterior uveitis](#)