

Chloramphenicol
Essential medicine status
General description

INN
Chloramphenicol
ATC codes
[J01BA01](#)
Medicine type
Chemical agent
Antibiotic groups
[ACCESS](#)

EML status history
First added in 1977 ([TRS 615](#)) for [Bacterial infection of unspecified site](#)
Added in 2017 ([TRS 1006](#)) for [Bacterial meningitis](#)
Removed in 2017 ([TRS 1006](#)) for [Bacterial infection of unspecified site](#)
Added in 2025 ([TRS 1064](#)) for [Bacterial meningitis](#)

Wikipedia
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Recommendations
Section

Access group antibiotics

- Parenteral > General injections > IV: 1 g in vial powder for injection (sodium succinate)
- Parenteral > General injections > IM: 500 mg in 2 mL ampoule oily suspension for injection
- Oral > Liquid: 150 mg per 5 mL (as palmitate)
- Oral > Solid: 250 mg capsule

Indications

Second choice

[Bacterial meningitis](#)

Other indications

[Bacterial infection of unspecified site](#)

Section

Medicines for bacterial central nervous system infections

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- Parenteral > General injections > IM: 500 mg in 2 mL ampoule oily suspension for injection

Indications

Second choice

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