

Prednisolone

Essential medicine status

General description

Prednisolone is a synthetic glucocorticoid used in the treatment of various conditions where corticosteroids are indicated.

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Prednisolone

ATC codes

[H02AB06](#) [S01BA04](#) [A07EA01](#)

Medicine type

Chemical agent

EML status history

First added in 1984 ([TRS 722](#)) for [Allergic or hypersensitivity conditions of unspecified type](#)

Added in 1984 ([TRS 722](#)) for [Unspecified malignant neoplasms of ill-defined or unspecified sites](#)

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

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

Added in 2011 ([TRS 965](#)) for [Lymphoid leukaemia, not elsewhere classified](#)

Added in 2011 ([TRS 965](#)) for [Burkitt lymphoma including Burkitt leukaemia](#)

Added in 2015 ([TRS 994](#)) for [Follicular lymphoma](#)

Added in 2015 ([TRS 994](#)) for [Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, not otherwise specified](#)

Added in 2015 ([TRS 994](#)) for [Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia or small lymphocytic lymphoma](#)

Added in 2015 ([TRS 994](#)) for [Hodgkin lymphoma](#)

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

Added in 2019 ([TRS 1021](#)) for [Plasma cell myeloma](#)

Added in 2019 ([TRS 1021](#)) for [Malignant neoplasms of prostate](#)

Changed in 2021 ([TRS 1035](#)) for [Crohn disease site](#)

Added in 2021 ([TRS 1035](#)) for [Crohn disease site](#)

Added in 2021 ([TRS 1035](#)) for [Ulcerative colitis](#)

Added in 2023 ([TRS 1049](#)) for [Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK-positive](#)

Added in 2023 ([TRS 1049](#)) for [Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK-negative](#)

Added in 2023 ([TRS 1049](#)) for [Langerhans cell histiocytosis](#)

Added in 2025 ([TRS 1064](#)) for [Adrenocortical insufficiency](#)

Added in 2025 ([TRS 1064](#)) for [Trigeminal autonomic cephalalgias](#)

Added in 2025 ([TRS 1064](#)) for [Infantile spasms](#)

Therapeutic equivalent for

[hydrocortisone](#) for [Crohn disease, unspecified site](#)

Wikipedia

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Recommendations

Section

Antiallergics and medicines used in anaphylaxis

- Oral > Liquid: 5 mg per mL
- Oral > Solid: 5 mg; 25 mg

Indications

[Allergic or hypersensitivity conditions of unspecified type](#)

Section

Hormones and antihormones

- Oral > Solid: 5 mg; 25 mg
- Oral > Liquid: 5 mg per mL

Indications

[Follicular lymphoma](#) [Lymphoid leukaemia, not elsewhere classified](#) [Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia or small lymphocytic lymphoma](#) [Diffuse large B-cell lymphoma, not otherwise specified](#) [Hodgkin lymphoma](#) [Unspecified malignant neoplasms of ill-defined or unspecified sites](#) [Burkitt lymphoma including Burkitt leukaemia](#) [Plasma cell myeloma](#) [Malignant neoplasms of prostate](#) [Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK-positive](#) [Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK-negative](#) [Langerhans cell histiocytosis](#)

Section

Ophthalmological preparations > Anti-inflammatory agents

- Local > Ophthalmological > Solution (eye drops): 0.5% (sodium phosphate)

Indications

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

Section

Anti-inflammatory medicines

- Local > Rectal > Retention enema: 20 mg per 100 mL (as sodium phosphate)

Indications

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

Section  
Adrenal hormones and synthetic substitutes

- Oral > Solid > tablet: 1 mg

Indications

[Adrenocortical insufficiency](#)

Section

Medicines for cluster headache

- Oral > Solid > tablet: 5 mg; 25 mg

Indications

[Trigeminal autonomic cephalalgias](#)

Section

Antiseizure medicines

- Oral > Liquid: 1 mg per mL
- Oral > Solid > tablet: 1 mg; 5 mg; 10 mg

Indications

[Infantile spasms](#)