

Pentamidine

Essential medicine status

General description

Pentamidine is an antiparasitic drug used for the treatment of african trypanosomiasis and pneumocystosis.

INN

Pentamidine

ATC codes

[P01CX01](#)

Medicine type

Chemical agent

EML status history

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

Added in 1977 ([TRS 615](#)) for [Gambiense trypanosomiasis](#)

Added in 1997 ([TRS 882](#)) for [Pneumocystosis](#)

Removed in 2009 ([TRS 958](#)) for [Visceral leishmaniasis](#)

Wikipedia

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DrugBank

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Recommendations

Section

Antipneumocystosis and antitoxoplasmosis medicines

- Oral > Solid > tablet: 200 mg (as isethionate); 300 mg (as isethionate)

Indications

[Pneumocystosis](#)

Section

Antileishmaniasis medicines

- Parenteral > General injections > IM: 200 mg (as isetionate); 300 mg (as isetionate)

Indications

[Visceral leishmaniasis](#)

Section

Medicines for the treatment of 1st stage African trypanosomiasis

- Parenteral > General injections > IM: 300 mg in vial (as isetionate) powder for injection

Indications

[Gambiense trypanosomiasis](#)