

Asparaginase

Essential medicine status

General description

Asparaginase is an antineoplastic enzyme, used in the treatment of acute lymphoblastic leukaemia.

ATC codes

[L01XX02](#)

Medicine type

Biological agent

EML status history

First added in 1993 ([TRS 850](#)) for [Unspecified malignant neoplasms of ill-defined or unspecified sites](#)

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

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

Wikipedia

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Recommendations

Section

Cytotoxic medicines

- Powder for injection: 10 000 IU in vial.
- Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 10000 IU in vial powder for injection

Indications

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