



Model List of Essential Medicines

BCG vaccine

Section	Indications
Recommendations for all immunization programmes All vaccines should comply with the WHO requirements for biological substances.	Need for immunization against tuberculosis

Japanese encephalitis vaccine

Section	Indications
Recommendations for certain regions All vaccines should comply with the WHO requirements for biological substances.	Need for immunization against certain single viral diseases

Adalimumab

Section	Indications
Immunomodulators for non-malignant disease Parenteral > General injections > SC: 40 mg per 0.8 mL; 40 mg per 0.4 mL; 10 mg per 0.2 mL; 20 mg per 0.4 mL	Axial spondyloarthritis Crohn disease site Rheumatoid arthritis
Medicines for juvenile joint diseases Parenteral > General injections > SC: 40 mg per 0.8 mL; 40 mg per 0.4 mL; 10 mg per 0.2 mL; 20 mg per 0.4 mL	Juvenile idiopathic arthritis

Ansuvinab

Section	Indications
Medicines for Ebola virus disease Parenteral > General injections > IV: 400 mg powder for injection	Ebola virus disease

Anti-D immunoglobulin

Section	Indications
Human immunoglobulins Parenteral > General injections > IV: 250 µg in single-dose vial Parenteral > General injections > IM: 250 µg in single-dose vial	Maternal care for red cell antibodies Rh incompatibility reaction

Anti-rabies immunoglobulin

Section	Indications
Human immunoglobulins	Rabies
Parenteral > General injections > IM: 150 IU per mL in vial	
Parenteral > Locoregional injections > Other: 150 IU per mL in vial	

Anti-rabies virus monoclonal antibodies

Section	Indications
Immunologicals > Sera, immunoglobulins and monoclonal antibodies	Rabies
Parenteral > Locoregional injections > Intradermal: 40 IU per mL in 1.25 mL vial (human); 40 IU per mL in 2.5 mL vial (human); 100 IU per mL in 2.5 mL vial (human); 300 IU per mL in 10 mL vial (murine); 600 IU per mL in 1 mL vial (murine); 600 IU per mL in 2.5 mL vial (murine); 600 IU per mL in 5 mL vial (murine)	

Anti-tetanus immunoglobulin

Section	Indications
Human immunoglobulins	Tetanus
Parenteral > General injections > IM: 500 IU in vial	

Antivenom immunoglobulin

Section	Indications
Immunologicals > Sera, immunoglobulins and monoclonal antibodies	
Parenteral > General injections > IV:	Harmful effects of or exposure to noxious substances, chiefly nonmedicinal as to source, not elsewhere classified

Asparaginase

Section	Indications
Cytotoxic medicines	
Powder for injection: 10 000 IU in vial.	Unspecified malignant neoplasms of ill-defined or unspecified sites
Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 10000 IU in vial powder for injection	Lymphoid leukaemia, not elsewhere classified

Atezolizumab

Section	Indications
Immunomodulators	Therapeutic equivalent to pembrolizumab for Other specified malignant neoplasms of bronchus or lung

Atoltivimab + maftivimab + odesivimab

Section	Indications
Medicines for Ebola virus disease Parenteral > General injections > IV: 241.7 mg + 241.7 mg + 241.7 mg in 14.5 mL vial	Ebola virus disease

Axicabtagene ciloleucel

Section	Indications
Antineoplastics and supportive medicines Cell suspension for infusion: 2×10^6 anti-CD19 CAR-positive viable T-cells per kg of body weight.	Diffuse large B-cell lymphomas

Bevacizumab

Section	Indications
Ophthalmological preparations > Anti-vascular endothelial growth factor (VEGF) preparations Parenteral > Locoregional injections > Intravitreal: 25 mg per mL	Age related macular degeneration

Cemiplimab

Section	Indications
Immunomodulators	Therapeutic equivalent to pembrolizumab for Other specified malignant neoplasms of bronchus or lung

Certolizumab pegol

Section	Indications
Immunomodulators for non-malignant disease	Therapeutic equivalent to adalimumab for Axial spondyloarthritis
Medicines for juvenile joint diseases	Therapeutic equivalent to adalimumab for Crohn disease site Therapeutic equivalent to adalimumab for Rheumatoid arthritis Therapeutic equivalent to adalimumab for Juvenile idiopathic arthritis

Cholera vaccine

Section	Indications
Recommendations for some high-risk populations All vaccines should comply with the WHO requirements for biological substances.	Need for immunization against cholera alone

Coagulation factor IX

Section	Indications
Blood coagulation factors Parenteral > General injections > IV: 500 IU in vial powder for injection; 1000 IU in vial powder for injection	Coagulation defects, purpura or other haemorrhagic or related conditions Haemophilia B

Coagulation factor IX complex

Section	Indications
Blood coagulation factors	Therapeutic equivalent to coagulation factor IX for Coagulation defects, purpura or other haemorrhagic or related conditions Therapeutic equivalent to coagulation factor IX for Haemophilia B

Coagulation factor VIII

Section	Indications
Blood coagulation factors Parenteral > General injections > IV: 250 IU in vial powder for injection; 500 IU in vial powder for injection; 1000 IU in vial powder for injection	Haemophilia A

Cryoprecipitate (not pathogen-reduced)

Section	Indications
Blood and blood components	<p>Therapeutic equivalent to cryoprecipitate (pathogen-reduced) for</p> <p>Haemophilia A</p> <p>Therapeutic equivalent to cryoprecipitate (pathogen-reduced) for</p> <p>Coagulation defects, purpura or other haemorrhagic or related conditions</p> <p>Therapeutic equivalent to cryoprecipitate (pathogen-reduced) for</p> <p>Von Willebrand disease</p> <p>Therapeutic equivalent to cryoprecipitate (pathogen-reduced) for</p> <p>Obstetric haemorrhage</p>

Cryoprecipitate (pathogen-reduced)

Section	Indications
Blood and blood components Injection: frozen liquid in bag or lyophilized powder in vial containing: > 50 IU Factor VIII > 100 IU vWF > 140 mg clottable fibrinogen per unit	<p>Haemophilia A</p> <p>Coagulation defects, purpura or other haemorrhagic or related conditions</p> <p>Von Willebrand disease</p> <p>Obstetric haemorrhage</p>

Dalteparin

Section	Indications
Medicines affecting coagulation	<p>Therapeutic equivalent to enoxaparin for</p> <p>Acute ischaemic heart disease</p> <p>Therapeutic equivalent to enoxaparin for</p> <p>Venous thromboembolism</p>

Darbepoetin alfa

Section	Indications
Antianaemia medicines	<p>Therapeutic equivalent to erythropoiesis-stimulating agents for</p> <p>Anaemia due to chronic disease</p>

Dengue vaccine

Section	Indications
Recommendations for some high-risk populations All vaccines should comply with the WHO requirements for biological substances.	Need for immunization against certain single viral diseases

Diphtheria antitoxin

Section	Indications
Immunologicals > Sera, immunoglobulins and monoclonal antibodies Parenteral > General injections > IM: 10000 IU in vial; 20000 IU in vial	Need for immunization against diphtheria alone

Diphtheria vaccine

Section	Indications
Recommendations for all immunization programmes All vaccines should comply with the WHO requirements for biological substances.	Need for immunization against diphtheria alone

Enoxaparin

Section	Indications
Medicines affecting coagulation Parenteral > General injections > SC: 20 mg per 0.2 mL in prefilled syringe; 40 mg per 0.4 mL in prefilled syringe; 60 mg per 0.6 mL in prefilled syringe; 80 mg per 0.8 mL in prefilled syringe; 100 mg per 1 mL in prefilled syringe; 120 mg per 0.8 mL in prefilled syringe; 150 mg per 1 mL in prefilled syringe; 150 mg per 1 mL in ampoule; 20 mg per 0.2 mL in ampoule; 40 mg per 0.4 mL in ampoule; 60 mg per 0.6 mL in ampoule; 80 mg per 0.8 mL in ampoule; 100 mg per 1 mL in ampoule; 120 mg per 0.8 mL in ampoule	Acute ischaemic heart disease Venous thromboembolism

Epoetin alfa

Section	Indications
Antianaemia medicines	Therapeutic equivalent to erythropoiesis-stimulating agents for Anaemia due to chronic disease

Epoetin beta

Section	Indications
Antianaemia medicines	Therapeutic equivalent to erythropoiesis-stimulating agents for Anaemia due to chronic disease

Epoetin theta

Section	Indications
Antianaemia medicines	Therapeutic equivalent to erythropoiesis-stimulating agents for Anaemia due to chronic disease

Equine rabies immunoglobulin

Section	Indications
Immunologicals > Sera, immunoglobulins and monoclonal antibodies Parenteral > Locoregional injections > Intradermal: 150 IU per mL in vial; 200 IU per mL in vial; 300 IU per mL in vial; 400 IU per mL in vial	Rabies

Erythropoiesis-stimulating agents

Section	Indications
Antianaemia medicines Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 1000 IU per 0.5 mL pre-filled syringe; 2000 IU per 0.5 mL pre-filled syringe; 3000 IU per 0.3 mL pre-filled syringe; 4000 IU per 0.4 mL pre-filled syringe; 5000 IU per 0.5 mL pre-filled syringe; 6000 IU per 0.6 mL pre-filled syringe; 8000 IU per 0.8 mL pre-filled syringe; 10000 IU per 1 mL pre-filled syringe; 20000 IU per 0.5 mL pre-filled syringe; 40000 IU per 1 mL pre-filled syringe	Anaemia due to chronic disease

Etanercept

Section	Indications
Immunomodulators for non-malignant disease	Therapeutic equivalent to adalimumab for Axial spondyloarthritis Therapeutic equivalent to adalimumab for Crohn disease site Therapeutic equivalent to adalimumab for Rheumatoid arthritis
Medicines for juvenile joint diseases	Therapeutic equivalent to adalimumab for Juvenile idiopathic arthritis

Filgrastim

Section	Indications
Immunomodulators Parenteral > General injections > SC: 120 µg per 0.2 mL in prefilled syringe; 300 µg per 0.5 mL in prefilled syringe; 480 µg per 0.8 mL in prefilled syringe; 300 µg per mL in 1 mL vial; 480 µg per 1.6 mL in 1.6 mL vial	Acquired neutropaenia

Fresh-frozen plasma

Section	Indications
Blood and blood components Parenteral > General injections > IV:	Blood transfusion without reported diagnosis

Golimumab

Section	Indications
Immunomodulators for non-malignant disease	Therapeutic equivalent to adalimumab for Axial spondyloarthritis
Medicines for juvenile joint diseases	Therapeutic equivalent to adalimumab for Crohn disease site Therapeutic equivalent to adalimumab for Rheumatoid arthritis Therapeutic equivalent to adalimumab for Juvenile idiopathic arthritis

Haemophilus influenzae type b vaccine

Section	Indications
Recommendations for all immunization programmes All vaccines should comply with the WHO requirements for biological substances.	Need for immunization against single bacterial diseases

Hepatitis A vaccine

Section	Indications
Recommendations for some high-risk populations All vaccines should comply with the WHO requirements for biological substances.	Need for immunization against viral hepatitis

Hepatitis B vaccine

Section	Indications
Recommendations for all immunization programmes All vaccines should comply with the WHO requirements for biological substances.	Need for immunization against viral hepatitis

Human papilloma virus (HPV) vaccine

Section	Indications
Recommendations for all immunization programmes All vaccines should comply with the WHO requirements for biological substances.	Need for immunization against certain single viral diseases

Infliximab

Section	Indications
Immunomodulators for non-malignant disease	Therapeutic equivalent to adalimumab for Axial spondyloarthritis
	Therapeutic equivalent to adalimumab for Crohn disease site
	Therapeutic equivalent to adalimumab for Rheumatoid arthritis
Medicines for juvenile joint diseases	Therapeutic equivalent to adalimumab for Juvenile idiopathic arthritis

Influenza vaccine (seasonal)

Section	Indications
Recommendations for immunization programmes with certain characteristics All vaccines should comply with the WHO requirements for biological substances.	Need for immunization against influenza

Insulin

Section	Indications
Insulins Parenteral > General injections > SC: 40 IU per mL in 10 mL vial (soluble); 100 IU per mL in 10 mL vial (soluble); 100 IU per mL in 3 mL cartridge (soluble); 100 IU per mL in 3 mL pre-filled pen (soluble)	Type 2 diabetes mellitus Type 1 diabetes mellitus

Insulin degludec

Section	Indications
Insulins	<p>Therapeutic equivalent to long-acting insulin analogues for</p> <p>Type 1 diabetes mellitus</p> <p>Therapeutic equivalent to long-acting insulin analogues for</p> <p>Type 2 diabetes mellitus</p>

Insulin detemir

Section	Indications
Insulins	<p>Therapeutic equivalent to long-acting insulin analogues for</p> <p>Type 1 diabetes mellitus</p> <p>Therapeutic equivalent to long-acting insulin analogues for</p> <p>Type 2 diabetes mellitus</p>

Insulin glargine

Section	Indications
Insulins	<p>Therapeutic equivalent to long-acting insulin analogues for</p> <p>Type 1 diabetes mellitus</p> <p>Therapeutic equivalent to long-acting insulin analogues for</p> <p>Type 2 diabetes mellitus</p>

Intermediate-acting insulin

Section	Indications
Insulins Parenteral > General injections > SC: 40 IU per mL in 10 mL vial as compound insulin zinc suspension or isophane insulin; 100 IU per mL in 10 mL vial as compound insulin zinc suspension or isophane insulin; 100 IU per mL in 3 mL cartridge as compound insulin zinc suspension or isophane insulin; 100 IU per mL in 3 mL pre-filled pen as compound insulin zinc suspension or isophane insulin	<p>Type 1 diabetes mellitus</p> <p>Type 2 diabetes mellitus</p>

Lisocabtagene maraleucel

Section	Indications
Antineoplastics and supportive medicines	Therapeutic equivalent to axicabtagene ciloleucel for Diffuse large B-cell lymphomas

Long-acting insulin analogues

Section	Indications
Insulins Parenteral > General injections > SC: 100 IU per mL in 3 mL cartridge; 100 IU per mL in 3 mL pre-filled pen	Type 1 diabetes mellitus Type 2 diabetes mellitus

Measles vaccine

Section	Indications
Recommendations for all immunization programmes All vaccines should comply with the WHO requirements for biological substances.	Need for immunization against measles alone

Meningococcal meningitis vaccine

Section	Indications
Recommendations for some high-risk populations All vaccines should comply with the WHO requirements for biological substances.	Need for immunization against single bacterial diseases

Methoxy polyethylene glycol-epoetin beta

Section	Indications
Antianaemia medicines	Therapeutic equivalent to erythropoiesis-stimulating agents for Anaemia due to chronic disease

Mumps vaccine

Section	Indications
Recommendations for immunization programmes with certain characteristics All vaccines should comply with the WHO requirements for biological substances.	Need for immunization against mumps alone

Nadroparin

Section	Indications
Medicines affecting coagulation	Therapeutic equivalent to enoxaparin for Acute ischaemic heart disease
	Therapeutic equivalent to enoxaparin for Venous thromboembolism

Nivolumab

Section	Indications
Immunomodulators Parenteral > General injections > IV: 10 mg per mL concentrate solution for infusion	Melanoma of skin

Normal immunoglobulin

Section	Indications
Human immunoglobulins Parenteral > General injections > IV: 5% protein solution; 10% protein solution	Langerhans cell histiocytosis
Parenteral > General injections > IM: 16% protein solution	Primary immunodeficiencies
Parenteral > General injections > SC: 15% protein solution; 16% protein solution	Mucocutaneous lymph node syndrome

Ocrelizumab

Section	Indications
Medicines for multiple sclerosis Parenteral > General injections > IV: 30 mg per mL in 10 vial concentrate for solution	Multiple sclerosis

Pegaspargase

Section	Indications
Cytotoxic medicines Parenteral > General injections > IV: 3750 units per 5 mL in vial; 3750 units in vial powder for injection	Lymphoid leukaemia, not elsewhere classified

Pegfilgrastim

Section	Indications
Immunomodulators Parenteral > General injections > SC: 6 mg per 0.6 mL in pre-filled syringe	Acquired neutropaenia

Pegylated interferon alfa (2a)

Section	Indications
Medicines for hepatitis C > Other antivirals for hepatitis C Parenteral > General injections > SC: 180 µg in vial; 180 µg in prefilled syringe	Chronic hepatitis C

Pegylated interferon alfa (2b)

Section	Indications
Medicines for hepatitis C > Other antivirals for hepatitis C Parenteral > General injections > SC: 80 µg in prefilled syringe; 100 µg in prefilled syringe	Chronic hepatitis C

Pembrolizumab

Section	Indications
Immunomodulators Parenteral > General injections > IV: 50 mg powder for injection	Therapeutic equivalent to nivolumab for Melanoma of skin Other specified malignant neoplasms of bronchus or lung

Pertussis vaccine

Section	Indications
Recommendations for all immunization programmes All vaccines should comply with the WHO requirements for biological substances.	Need for immunization against pertussis alone

Platelets

Section	Indications
Blood and blood components Parenteral > General injections > IV:	Blood transfusion without reported diagnosis

Pneumococcal vaccine

Section	Indications
Recommendations for all immunization programmes All vaccines should comply with the WHO requirements for biological substances.	Need for immunization against single bacterial diseases

Poliomyelitis vaccine

Section	Indications
Recommendations for all immunization programmes All vaccines should comply with the WHO requirements for biological substances.	Need for immunization against poliomyelitis

Rabies vaccine

Section	Indications
Recommendations for some high-risk populations All vaccines should comply with the WHO requirements for biological substances.	Need for immunization against rabies

Red blood cells

Section	Indications
Blood and blood components Parenteral > General injections > IV:	Blood transfusion without reported diagnosis

Rituximab

Section	Indications
Targeted therapies Parenteral > General injections > IV: 100 mg per 10 mL in 10 mL vial; 500 mg per 50 mL in 50 mL vial	Follicular lymphoma Chronic lymphocytic leukaemia or small lymphocytic lymphoma Diffuse large B-cell lymphomas Burkitt lymphoma including Burkitt leukaemia
Medicines for multiple sclerosis Parenteral > General injections > IV: 500 mg per 50 mL in 50 mL vial	Multiple sclerosis

Rotavirus vaccine

Section	Indications
Recommendations for all immunization programmes All vaccines should comply with the WHO requirements for biological substances.	Need for immunization against certain single viral diseases

Rubella vaccine

Section	Indications
Recommendations for all immunization programmes All vaccines should comply with the WHO requirements for biological substances.	Need for immunization against rubella alone

Surfactant

Section	Indications
Medicines administered to the neonate [c] Respiratory > Suspension: 80 mg per mL for intratracheal instillation; 25 mg per mL for intratracheal instillation	Respiratory distress syndrome of newborn

Tetanus vaccine

Section	Indications
Recommendations for all immunization programmes All vaccines should comply with the WHO requirements for biological substances.	Need for immunization against tetanus alone

Tick-borne encephalitis vaccine

Section	Indications
Recommendations for certain regions All vaccines should comply with the WHO requirements for biological substances.	Need for immunization against arthropod-borne viral encephalitis

Tisagenlecleucel

Section	Indications
Antineoplastics and supportive medicines	Therapeutic equivalent to axicabtagene ciloleucel for Diffuse large B-cell lymphomas

Tislelizumab

Section	Indications
Immunomodulators Parenteral > General injections > IV: 100 mg per 10 mL	Other specified malignant neoplasms of bronchus or lung

Toripalimab

Section	Indications
Immunomodulators Parenteral > General injections > IV: 240 mg per 6 mL in vial	Malignant neoplasms of nasopharynx Malignant neoplasms of oesophagus

Trastuzumab

Section	Indications
<p>Targeted therapies</p> <p>Parenteral > General injections > IV: 60 mg in vial powder for injection; 150 mg in vial powder for injection; 440 mg in vial powder for injection</p>	Carcinoma of breast, specialised type

Typhoid vaccine

Section	Indications
<p>Recommendations for some high-risk populations</p> <p>All vaccines should comply with the WHO requirements for biological substances.</p>	Need for immunization against typhoid-paratyphoid alone

Ustekinumab

Section	Indications
<p>Dermatological medicines > Medicines affecting skin differentiation and proliferation</p> <p>Parenteral > General injections > SC: 45 mg per 0.5 mL in vial; 90 mg per mL in pre-filled syringe</p>	Psoriasis of unspecified type

Varicella vaccine

Section	Indications
<p>Recommendations for immunization programmes with certain characteristics</p> <p>All vaccines should comply with the WHO requirements for biological substances.</p>	Need for immunization against certain single viral diseases

Whole blood

Section	Indications
<p>Blood and blood components</p> <p>Parenteral > General injections > IV:</p>	Blood transfusion without reported diagnosis

Yellow fever vaccine

Section	Indications
<p>Recommendations for certain regions</p> <p>All vaccines should comply with the WHO requirements for biological substances.</p>	Need for immunization against certain single viral diseases