



Model List of Essential Medicines



Aciclovir [General information](#)

Section

Medicines for viral central nervous system infections

- Parenteral > General injections > IV: 250 mg in vial powder for solution for infusion (as sodium dihydrate); 25 mg per mL in vial solution for infusion (as sodium)
- Oral > Liquid: 200 mg per 5 mL
- Oral > Solid: 200 mg tablet
- Parenteral > General injections > IV: 250 mg in vial powder for solution for infusion (as sodium dihydrate); 25 mg per mL in vial solution for infusion (as sodium)

Indications

[Herpes simplex infections](#) [Varicella](#) [Zoster](#)



Amoxicillin [General information](#)

Section

Medicines for bacterial central nervous system infections

- Oral > Liquid: 125 mg per 5 mL (as trihydrate) powder for oral liquid; 250 mg per 5 mL (as trihydrate) powder for oral liquid
- Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 250 mg in vial (as sodium) powder for injection; 500 mg in vial (as sodium) powder for injection; 1 g in vial (as sodium) powder for injection
- Oral > Solid > dispersible tablet: 250 mg (scored) (as trihydrate); 500 mg (scored) (as trihydrate)
- Oral > Solid > dosage form: 250 mg (as trihydrate); 500 mg (as trihydrate)

Indications

Second choice

[Bacterial meningitis](#)



Ampicillin [General information](#)

Section

Medicines for bacterial central nervous system infections

- Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 500 mg in vial (as sodium salt) powder for injection; 1 g in vial (as sodium salt) powder for injection

Indications

Second choice

[Bacterial meningitis](#)



Benzylpenicillin [General information](#)

Section

Medicines for bacterial central nervous system infections

- Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 600 mg in vial powder for injection (=1 million IU as sodium or potassium salt); 3 g in vial powder for injection (=5 million IU as sodium or potassium salt)

Indications

Second choice

[Bacterial meningitis](#)

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Cefotaxime [General information](#)

Section

Medicines for bacterial central nervous system infections

- Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 250 mg in vial powder for injection (as sodium salt); 500 mg in vial powder for injection (as sodium salt); 1 g in vial powder for injection (as sodium salt); 2 g in vial powder for injection (as sodium salt)

Indications

First choice

[Bacterial meningitis](#)

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Ceftriaxone [General information](#)

Section

Medicines for bacterial central nervous system infections

- Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 250 mg in vial powder for injection (as sodium salt); 500 mg in vial powder for injection (as sodium salt); 1 g in vial powder for injection (as sodium salt); 2 g in vial powder for injection (as sodium salt)

Indications

First choice

[Bacterial meningitis](#)

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Chloramphenicol [General information](#)

Section

Medicines for bacterial central nervous system infections

- 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

Indications

Second choice

[Bacterial meningitis](#)

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Gentamicin [General information](#)

Section

Medicines for bacterial central nervous system infections

- Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 10 mg per mL in 2 mL vial (as sulfate); 40 mg per mL in 2 mL vial (as sulfate)

Indications

First choice

[Neonatal meningitis](#)

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Meropenem [General information](#)

Section

Medicines for bacterial central nervous system infections

- Parenteral > General injections > IV: 500 mg in vial (as trihydrate) powder for injection; 1 g in vial (as trihydrate) powder for injection

Indications

Second choice

[Neonatal meningitis](#)



Valaciclovir [General information](#)

Section

Medicines for viral central nervous system infections

Indications

Therapeutic equivalent to [aciclovir](#) for [Herpes simplex infections](#) Therapeutic equivalent to [aciclovir](#) for [Varicella](#)

Therapeutic equivalent to [aciclovir](#) for [Zoster](#)