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Not recommended as an essential medicine

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ATC codes: [J05AF02](#)

EMLc

Indication

Human immunodeficiency virus disease without mention of associated disease or condition, clinical stage unspecified

ICD11 code: [1C62.Z](#)

INN

Didanosine

Medicine type

Chemical agent

List type

Core

Formulations

Oral > Liquid: 100 mg buffered powder for oral solution ; 167 mg buffered powder for oral solution ; 250 mg buffered powder for oral solution

Oral > Solid: 25 mg buffered chewable dispersible tablet ; 50 mg buffered chewable dispersible tablet ; 100 mg buffered chewable dispersible tablet ; 150 mg buffered chewable dispersible tablet ; 200 mg buffered chewable dispersible tablet ; 125 mg unbuffered enteric coated capsule ; 200 mg unbuffered enteric coated capsule ; 250 mg unbuffered enteric coated capsule ; 400 mg unbuffered enteric coated capsule

EML status history

First added in 2002 ([TRS 914](#))

Changed in 2007 ([TRS 950](#))

Removed in 2015 ([TRS 994](#))

Sex

All

Age

Also recommended for children

Therapeutic alternatives

The recommendation is for this specific medicine

Patent information

Patents have expired in most jurisdictions

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Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations



Didanosine was recommended for deletion from the EML and EMLc as it was not longer aligned with dosing guidelines in the 2013 WHO Consolidated guidelines on the use of antiretroviral drugs for treating and preventing HIV infection (1). References: Consolidated guidelines on the use of antiretroviral drugs for treating and preventing HIV infection: recommendations for a public health approach. Geneva: World Health Organization; 2013. Available from: http://apps.who.int/iris/bitstream/10665/85321/1/9789241505727_eng.pdf.