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Not recommended as an essential medicine

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ATC codes: [L01CB01](#)

Indication

Unspecified malignant neoplasms of ill-defined or unspecified sites ICD11 code: [2D9Z](#)

INN

Etoposide

Medicine type

Chemical agent

List type

Complementary

Formulations

Parenteral > General injections > IV: 20 mg per mL in 5 mL ampoule

Oral > Solid: 100 mg capsule

EML status history

First added in 1984 ([TRS 722](#))

Changed in 2002 ([TRS 914](#))

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

Changed in 2011 ([TRS 965](#))

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

Sex

All

Age

Adolescents and adults

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

As part of the comprehensive review of cancer medicines undertaken by the Expert Committee in 2015, listing of etoposide was reviewed and specific indications for its use were recommended. Refer to the 2015 recommendation(s) for etoposide for more information.