

Tolbutamide

NOT RECOMMENDED AS AN
ESSENTIAL MEDICINE

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ATC codes: [A10BB03](#)

Indication	Type 2 diabetes mellitus ICD11 code: 5A11
INN	Tolbutamide
Medicine type	Chemical agent
List type	Core
Formulations	Oral > Solid: 500 mg
EML status history	First added in 1987 (TRS 770) Removed in 1997 (TRS 882)
Sex	All
Age	Adolescents and adults
Therapeutic alternatives	Medicines within the same pharmacological class can be used
Patent information	Patents have expired in most jurisdictions Read more about patents . ↗
Wikipedia	Tolbutamide ↗
DrugBank	Tolbutamide ↗

Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

Glibenclamide, with a square box, replaced tolbutamide as the representative sulphonylurea as it is recognised to be more suitable as the prototype drug.

