

# Tolbutamide

NOT RECOMMENDED AS AN  
ESSENTIAL MEDICINE

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ATC codes: [A10BB03](#)

Indication	Type 2 diabetes mellitus <span>ICD11 code: <a href="#">5A11</a></span>
INN	Tolbutamide
Medicine type	Chemical agent
List type	Core
Formulations	Oral > Solid: 500 mg
EML status history	First added in 1987 ( <a href="#">TRS 770</a> ) Removed in 1997 ( <a href="#">TRS 882</a> )
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 <a href="#">about patents</a> . <a href="#">↗</a>
Wikipedia	<a href="#">Tolbutamide</a> <a href="#">↗</a>
DrugBank	<a href="#">Tolbutamide</a> <a href="#">↗</a>

## 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.

