

## [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

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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.