

## [Snake antivenom](#)

Not recommended as an essential medicine

Section:

[19. Immunologicals](#) [19.2. Immunologicals > Sera, immunoglobulins and monoclonal antibodies](#)

ATC codes: [J06AA03](#)

Indication

Harmful effects of or exposure to noxious substances, chiefly nonmedicinal as to source, not elsewhere classified ICD11 code: [NE61](#)

Medicine type

Biological agent

List type

Core

Formulations

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EML status history

First added in 1977 ([TRS 615](#))

Removed in 1979 ([TRS 641](#))

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

Snake antivenom was replaced on the core list of the EML with 'antivenom sera' to indicate that the selection of antivenins (snake, scorpion, fish), either specific or polyvalent, should be determined on the basis of local needs.