

## [Hydrocortisone](#)

Not recommended as an essential medicine

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ATC codes: [S01BA02](#)

Indication

Scleritis ICD11 code: [9B51](#)

INN

Hydrocortisone

Medicine type

Chemical agent

List type

Core

Formulations

**Local > Ophthalmological > Ointment:** 1% (acetate)

EML status history

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

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

Changed in 1984 ([TRS 722](#))

Removed in 1989 ([TRS 796](#))

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

Hydrocortisone ophthalmological ointment was replaced with prednisolone eye drops since prednisolone has a shorter duration of action and is therefore a safer preparation for general use.