Hydrocortisone

NOT RECOMMENDED AS AN ESSENTIAL MEDICINE

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ATC codes: S01BA02

Indication	Anterior uveitis ICD11 code: 9A96.Z
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 Read more about patents.
Wikipedia	Hydrocortisone
DrugBank	Hydrocortisone

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.

