

[Cimetidine](#)

Not recommended as an essential medicine

Section:

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ATC codes: [A02BA01](#)

Indication

Gastro-oesophageal reflux disease ICD11 code: [DA22.Z](#)

INN

Cimetidine

Medicine type

Chemical agent

List type

Core

Formulations

Oral > Solid: 200 mg

Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 200 mg in 2 mL ampoule

EML status history

First added in 1982 ([TRS 685](#))

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

Removed in 2003 ([TRS 920](#))

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

Following a review of square box listings on the Model List, the Expert Committee recommended that ranitidine replace cimetidine as the representative histamine-2 receptor antagonist since it has a simpler dosing regimen and less potential for pharmacokinetic interactions and is available as a generic.