

Cimetidine

NOT RECOMMENDED AS AN
ESSENTIAL MEDICINE

Section: 17. Gastrointestinal medicines > 17.1. Antiulcer medicines

ATC codes: **A02BA01**

Indication	Peptic ulcer, site unspecified ICD11 code: DA61
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 Read more about patents . 
Wikipedia	Cimetidine 
DrugBank	Cimetidine 

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.

