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Essential medicine status

Section:

[16. Diuretics](#)

ATC codes: [C03DA01](#)

EMLc

Indication

Ascites ICD11 code: [ME04](#)

INN

Spironolactone

Medicine type

Chemical agent

List type

Core (EML)

Complementary (EMLc)

Formulations

Oral > Liquid: 25 mg per 5 mL (EMLc)

Oral > Solid > tablet: 25 mg ; 12.5 mg (EMLc)

EML status history

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

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

Added in 1982 ([TRS 685](#))

Changed in 1987 ([TRS 770](#))

Changed in 1997 ([TRS 882](#))

Changed in 2007 ([TRS 950](#))

Changed in 2009 ([TRS 958](#))

Changed in 2025 ([TRS 1064](#))

Sex

All

Age

Also recommended for children

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



Following the review of the age-appropriateness of formulations on the EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended: - the addition of spironolactone 12.5 mg tablets to the EMLc; - the deletion of the 5 mg/5 mL and 10 mg/5mL strengths of spironolactone oral liquid because of unavailability as proprietary products.