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**Salicylic acid**

- **Indication:** Ichthyoses
- **ICD11 code:** ED50
- **Medicine type:** Chemical agent
- **List type:** Core
- **Formulations:** Local > Topical > Solution: 5%
- **EML status history:**
  - First added in 1979 (TRS 641)
  - Changed in 2007 (TRS 950)
- **Sex:** All
- **Age:** Also recommended for children
- **Therapeutic alternatives:** The recommendation is for this specific medicine
- **Patent information:** Patents have expired in most jurisdictions
  - Read more about patents.
- **Wikipedia:** Salicylic acid
- **DrugBank:** Salicylic acid

**Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations**

The EMLc Subcommittee endorsed the inclusion of salicylic acid 5% topical solution on the core list of the EMLc. The risks of using salicylic acid in young children were noted.