### Salicylic acid

**Indication**: Ichthyoses  
**ICD11 code**: ED50

**Medicine type**: Chemical agent

**List type**: Core (EML) (EMLc)

**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](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salicylic_acid)

**DrugBank**: [Salicylic acid](https://www.drugbank.ca/drugs/DB00105)

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**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.