Salicylic acid

Essential medicine status

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EMLc | ATC codes: D01AE12

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.