

[Simvastatin](#)

Essential medicine status

Section:

[12. Cardiovascular medicines 12.6. Lipid-lowering agents](#)

ATC codes: [C10AA01](#)

Indication

Coronary atherosclerosis ICD11 code: [BA80](#)

INN

Simvastatin

Medicine type

Chemical agent

List type

Core

Additional notes

For use in high-risk patients

Formulations

Oral > Solid: 5 mg ; 10 mg ; 20 mg ; 40 mg

EML status history

First added in 2007 ([TRS 946](#))

Changed in 2021 ([TRS 1035](#))

Sex

All

Age

Adolescents and adults

Therapeutic alternatives

[atorvastatin](#) (ATC codes: [C10AA05](#))

[pravastatin](#) (ATC codes: [C10AA03](#))

[fluvastatin](#) (ATC codes: [C10AA04](#))

[lovastatin](#) (ATC codes: [C10AA02](#))

Patent information

Patents have expired in most jurisdictions

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Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

Following the review of square box listings on the EML and EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended atorvastatin, fluvastatin, lovastatin and pravastatin be specified as therapeutic alternatives under the square box listing for simvastatin on the EML.