Mercaptopurine

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### Indication
Lymphoid leukaemia, not elsewhere classified  
**ICD11 code:** 2C03.3

### INN
Mercaptopurine

### Medicine type
Chemical agent

### List type
Complementary

### Formulations
- Oral > Liquid: 20 mg per mL (EMLc)
- Oral > Solid: 50 mg tablet

### EML status history
- First added in 2015 (TRS 994)
- Changed in 2023 (TRS 1049)

### 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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### Tags
- Cancer

### Wikipedia
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### DrugBank
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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 inclusion of an additional dose form of mercaptopurine (oral liquid 20 mg/mL) to the EMLc.

[Expert Committee report](#)