Mercaptopurine

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

INN: Mercaptopurine

Medicine type: Chemical agent

List type: Complementary

Formulations: Oral > Solid: 50 mg tablet

EML status history: First added in 2015 (TRS 994)

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.

Tags: Cancer

Wikipedia: Mercaptopurine

DrugBank: Mercaptopurine

Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

In 2015, as part of the comprehensive review of cancer medicines undertaken by the Expert Committee, listing for mercaptopurine on the complementary list of the EML and EMLc for use in treatment protocols for acute lymphoblastic leukaemia was endorsed. The relevant extract from TRS994 regarding the Expert Committee’s consideration of treatment protocols for acute lymphoblastic leukaemia is attached.