## Mercaptopurine

**Indication**
Lymphoid leukaemia, not elsewhere classified

**INN**
Mercaptopurine

**Medicine type**
Chemical agent

**List type**
Complementary

**Formulations**
Oral > Solid: 50 mg tablet

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

**Age**
Also recommended for children

**Therapeutic alternatives**
The recommendation is for this specific medicine

**Patent information**
Patents have expired in most jurisdictions

**Tags**
Cancer

**Wikipedia**
Mercaptopurine

**DrugBank**
Mercaptopurine

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### 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.