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Essential medicine status

Section:

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ATC codes: [L01BB02](#)

EMLc

Indication

Lymphoid leukaemia, not elsewhere classified ICD11 code: [2B33.3](#)

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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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.