Sulfasalazine

**Section:** 17. Gastrointestinal medicines  ➤  17.3. Anti-inflammatory medicines

**Indication**
- Crohn disease site
- ICD11 code: DD70.Z

**INN**
- Sulfasalazine

**Medicine type**
- Chemical agent

**List type**
- Core

**Formulations**
- Oral > Solid: 500 mg
- Local > Rectal > Suppository: 500 mg
- Local > Rectal > Retention enema:

**EML status history**
- First added in 1977 (TRS 615)
- Changed in 1979 (TRS 641)
- Changed in 1987 (TRS 770)
- Changed in 1993 (TRS 850)
- Changed in 1997 (TRS 882)
- Changed in 2003 (TRS 920)
- Changed in 2021 (TRS 1035)

**Sex**
- All

**Age**
- Adolescents and adults

**Therapeutic alternatives**
- mesalazine (ATC codes: A07EC02)

**Patent information**
- Patents have expired in most jurisdictions
- Read more about patents.

**Wikipedia**
- Sulfasalazine

**DrugBank**
- Sulfasalazine

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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 mesalazine be specified as a therapeutic alternative under the square box listing for sulfasalazine on the EML for this indication.