Sulfasalazine

Essential medicine status

Section: 17. Gastrointestinal medicines > 17.3. Anti-inflammatory medicines

ATC codes: A07EC01

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:** 3 g per 100 mL
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

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.