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Essential medicine status

Section:

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ATC codes: [L01AA01](#)

Indication

Plasma cell myeloma ICD11 code: [2A83.1](#)

INN

Dexamethasone

Medicine type

Chemical agent

List type

Complementary

Formulations

Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 4 mg per mL in 1 mL ampoule dexamethasone phosphate (as sodium phosphate, equivalent to 3.3 mg/mL dexamethasone base)

Oral > Solid > tablet: 4 mg (as dexamethasone base)

EML status history

First added in 2019 ([TRS 1021](#))

Changed in 2025 ([TRS 1064](#))

Sex

All

Age

Adolescents and adults

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: - to modify the listings to reflect the amount of dexamethasone in terms of dexamethasone salt or dexamethasone base.