Meropenem

Essential medicine status ✓

EMLc | ATC codes: J01DH02

Indication	Multi-drug resistant Mycobacterium tuberculosis ICD11 code: ML32.00
INN	Meropenem
Medicine type	Chemical agent
Antibiotic groups	W WATCH
List type	Complementary (EML) (EMLc)
Additional notes	The square box applies only to the listing of meropenem on the EML.
Formulations	Parenteral > General injections > IV: 500 mg in vial (as trihydrate) powder for injection ; 1 g in vial (as trihydrate) powder for injection
EML status history	First added in 2019 (TRS 1021) Changed in 2021 (TRS 1035)
Sex	All
Age	Also recommended for children
Therapeutic alternatives	imipenem + cilastatin (ATC codes: J01DH51)
Patent information	Patents have expired in most jurisdictions Read more about patents.
Wikipedia	Meropenem
DrugBank	Meropenem

Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

Following the review of square box listings on the EML and EMLc, the Expert Committee recommended imipenem + cilastatin be specified as a therapeutic alternative under the square box listing for meropenem on the EML for this indication.