





Ofloxacin

NOT RECOMMENDED AS AN
ESSENTIAL MEDICINE

Section: 6. Anti-infective medicines > 6.2. Antibacterials > 6.2.5. Antituberculosis medicines

ATC codes: J01MA01

Indication	Multi-drug resistant Mycobacterium tuberculosis	ICD11 code: ML32.00
INN	Ofloxacin	
Medicine type	Chemical agent	
Antibiotic groups	 WATCH	
List type	Complementary	
Additional notes	Levofloxacin may be an alternative based on availability and programme considerations.	
Formulations	Oral > Solid: 200 mg ; 400 mg	
EML status history	First added in 1999 (TRS 895) Changed in 2007 (TRS 946) Removed in 2013 (TRS 985)	
Sex	All	
Age	Adolescents and adults	
Therapeutic alternatives	The recommendation is for this specific medicine	
Patent information	Patents have expired in most jurisdictions Read more about patents. 	
Wikipedia	Ofloxacin 	
DrugBank	Ofloxacin 	

Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

On the basis of WHO guideline recommendations, public health needs and available evidence on efficacy and safety, the Expert Committee recommended that ofloxacin should be replaced by levofloxacin, with a note to indicate that ofloxacin and moxifloxacin may be used as alternatives in the treatment of MDR-TB.

