Trimethoprim

Essential medicine status

EMLc | ATC codes: J01EA01

Indication	Infectious cystitis ICD11 code: GC00.1
INN	Trimethoprim
Medicine type	Diagnostic agent
Antibiotic groups	A ACCESS
List type	Core
Formulations	**Oral > Liquid:** 50 mg per mL (EMLc) **Oral > Solid:** 100 mg ; 200 mg
EML status history	First added in 1987 (TRS 770) Changed in 1995 (TRS 867) Changed in 1997 (TRS 882) Changed in 2003 (TRS 920) Changed in 2007 (TRS 950) Removed in 2017 (TRS 1006) Added in 2021 (TRS 1035)
Sex	All
Age	Also recommended for children
Therapeutic alternatives	The recommendation is for this specific medicine
Patent information	Patents have expired in most jurisdictions Read more about patents.
Wikipedia	Trimethoprim
DrugBank	Trimethoprim

Expert Committee recommendation

Following a review of square box listings on the Model Lists, the Expert Committee recommended that trimethoprim be included on the core list of the EML and EMLc as an independent listing as first choice treatment for lower urinary tract infections. The note indicating trimethoprim as an alternative for lower urinary tract infections was removed from the listing for sulfamethoxazole + trimethoprim.

EML recommendations: Infectious cystitis

First choice

- trimethoprim
- nitrofurantoin
- sulfamethoxazole + trimethoprim
- amoxicillin + clavulanic acid

Second choice