Erythromycin

NOT RECOMMENDED AS AN ESSENTIAL MEDICINE

EMLc | ATC codes: J01FA01

Indication	Bacterial infection of unspecified site ICD11 code: 1C41
INN	Erythromycin
Medicine type	Chemical agent
Antibiotic groups	WATCH
List type	Core
Formulations	**Parenteral > General injections > IV:** 500 mg in vial powder for injection (as lactobionate) **Oral > Liquid:** 125 mg per 5 mL (as stearate or ethylsuccinate) **Oral > Solid:** 250 mg (as stearate or ethylsuccinate)
EML status history	First added in 1977 (TRS 615) Changed in 1979 (TRS 641) Changed in 1987 (TRS 770) Changed in 2007 (TRS 950) Removed in 2017 (TRS 1006)
Sex	All
Age	Also recommended for children
Therapeutic alternatives	Medicines within the same pharmacological class can be used
Therapeutic alternatives limitations	The square box only applies to the listing of erythromycin on the EML
Therapeutic alternatives limitations for EMLc	The square box does not apply to the listing of erythromycin on the EMLc
Patent information	Patents have expired in most jurisdictions Read more about patents.
Wikipedia	Erythromycin
DrugBank	Erythromycin

Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

Erythromycin was removed from the EML and EMLc following the comprehensive review of antibiotics by the Expert Committee in 2017. However, it is noted in the Model Lists as an alternative to clarithromycin for treatment of pharyngitis