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Essential medicine status

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ATC codes: [H02AB02](#)

EMLc

Indication

Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK-positive ICD11 code: [2A90.A](#)

INN

Dexamethasone

Medicine type

Chemical agent

List type

Complementary

Formulations

Oral > Liquid: 2 mg per 5 mL (as sodium phosphate) (EMLc)

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: 2 mg (as dexamethasone base) (EMLc) ; 4 mg (as dexamethasone base)

EML status history

First added in 2023 ([TRS 1049](#))

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

Sex

All

Age

Also recommended for children

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.