Dexamethasone

**Indication**
Anaplastic large cell lymphoma, ALK-negative

**INN**
Dexamethasone

**Medicine type**
Chemical agent

**List type**
Complementary

**Formulations**
- Oral > Liquid: 2 mg per 5 mL (EMLc)
- Oral > Solid: 2 mg (EMLc) ; 4 mg
- Parenteral > General injections > unspecified: 4 mg per mL in 1 mL ampoule (as disodium phosphophate salt)

**EML status history**
First added in 2023 (TRS 1049)

**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.

**Tags**
Cancer

**Wikipedia**
Dexamethasone

**DrugBank**
Dexamethasone

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**Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations**
The Expert Committee recommended the current listings of cyclophosphamide, cytarabine, dexamethasone, doxorubicin, etoposide, ifosfamide, methotrexate, prednisolone and vinblastine on the complementary list of the EML and EMLc be extended to include the new indication of anaplastic large cell lymphoma (ALCL). These medicines are recognized as part of the standard of care for ALCL. Their benefits and harms were accepted as being well established from use in other indications in children and in adults.

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**Expert Committee report**