24. Medicines for mental and behavioural disorders

24.1. Medicines for psychotic disorders

Olanzapine

**ATC codes:** N05AH03

**Indication:** Schizophrenia or other primary psychotic disorders

**INN:** Olanzapine

**Medicine type:** Chemical agent

**List type:** Core

**Formulations:** Parenteral > General injections > IM: 10 mg in vial powder for injection

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

**Sex:** All

**Age:** Adolescents and adults

**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**

The Committee recommended inclusion of olanzapine immediate-release injection on the core list of the EML for the acute treatment of schizophrenia and related psychoses based on evidence of similar effectiveness and greater tolerability compared to haloperidol immediate-release injection.