Section: 10. Medicines affecting the blood ➢ 10.1. Antianaemia medicines

### Ferrous salt

**Indication**  | Iron deficiency anaemia  
**ATC codes:** B03AA07  
**B03AA02**

**Essential medicine status**

**ATC codes:** B03AA07  
**B03AA02**

**ICD11 code:** 3A00.Z

**Medicine type**  | Chemical agent

**List type**  | Core (EML) (EMLc)

**Formulations**  
Oral > Liquid: 25 mg per mL iron (as sulfate)  
Oral > Solid: 60 mg iron

**EML status history**  
First added in 1977  
(TRS 615)  
Changed in 1979  
(TRS 641)  
Changed in 1982  
(TRS 685)  
Changed in 1987  
(TRS 770)  
Changed in 2007  
(TRS 950)

**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**  
Ferrous salt

**DrugBank**  
Ferrous salt (Iron)

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**Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations**

The EMLc Subcommittee accepted the public health need for supplementation with iron and folic acid in children. Therefore, the Subcommittee agreed to endorse ferrous salt as an essential medicine for children. Appropriate formulations of ferrous salts need to be included to cover the needs of neonates to adolescents. They should have appropriate excipients for children.