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Essential medicine status

Section:

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ATC codes: [B03AA07](#) [B03AA02](#)

EMLc

Indication

Iron deficiency anaemia ICD11 code: [3A00.Z](#)

Medicine type

Chemical agent

List type

Core

Formulations

**Oral > Liquid:** 25 mg per mL elemental iron ; 9 mg per mL elemental iron (EMLc)

**Oral > Solid > tablet:** 60 to 65 mg elemental 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](#))

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: - the addition of a new strength of oral liquid containing equivalent to 9 mg/mL of elemental iron to the EMLc; - remove reference to specific ferrous salts; - to update the listing for the tablet formulation to include a strength range of 60 mg to 65 mg of elemental iron.