Artemether

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EMLc ATC codes: P01BE02

Indication	Malaria due to Plasmodium vivax ICD11 code: 1F41
INN	Artemether
Medicine type	Chemical agent
List type	Core
Additional notes	For use in the management of severe malaria
Formulations	**Parenteral > General injections > IM:** 20 mg per mL in 1 mL ampoule (oily injection) ; 40 mg per mL in 1 mL ampoule (oily injection)
EML status history	First added in 1997 (TRS 882) Changed in 2002 (TRS 914) Changed in 2007 (TRS 946) 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 Read more about patents.
Wikipedia	Artemether
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Summary of evidence and Expert Committee recommendations

Following the review of the age-appropriateness of formulations of essential medicines for children, the Expert Committee recommended replacing the 80 mg/mL strength of artemether oily injection with 20 mg/mL and 40 mg/mL strengths. The 80 mg/mL strength has limited utility for children under 12 years of age.